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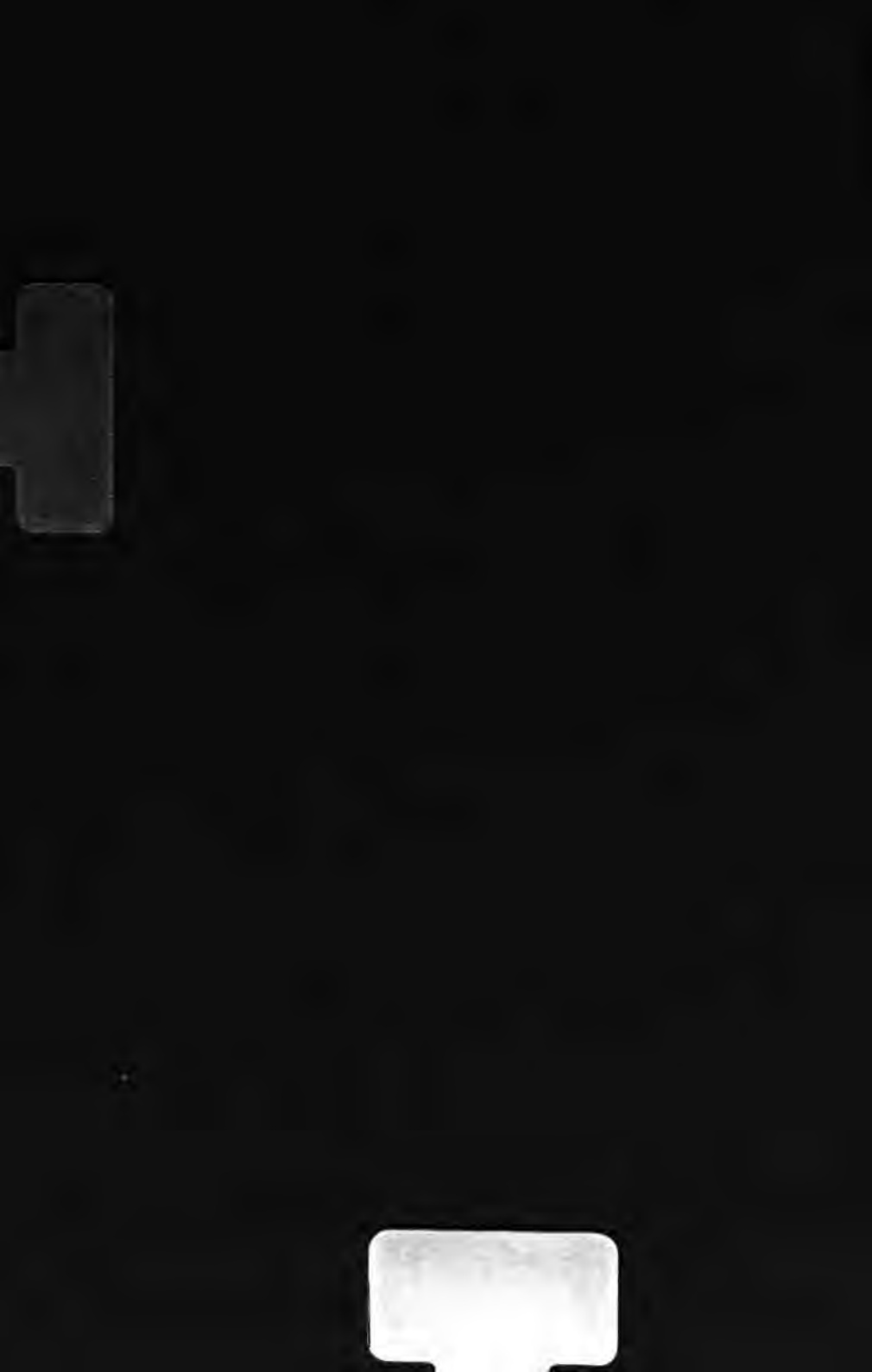
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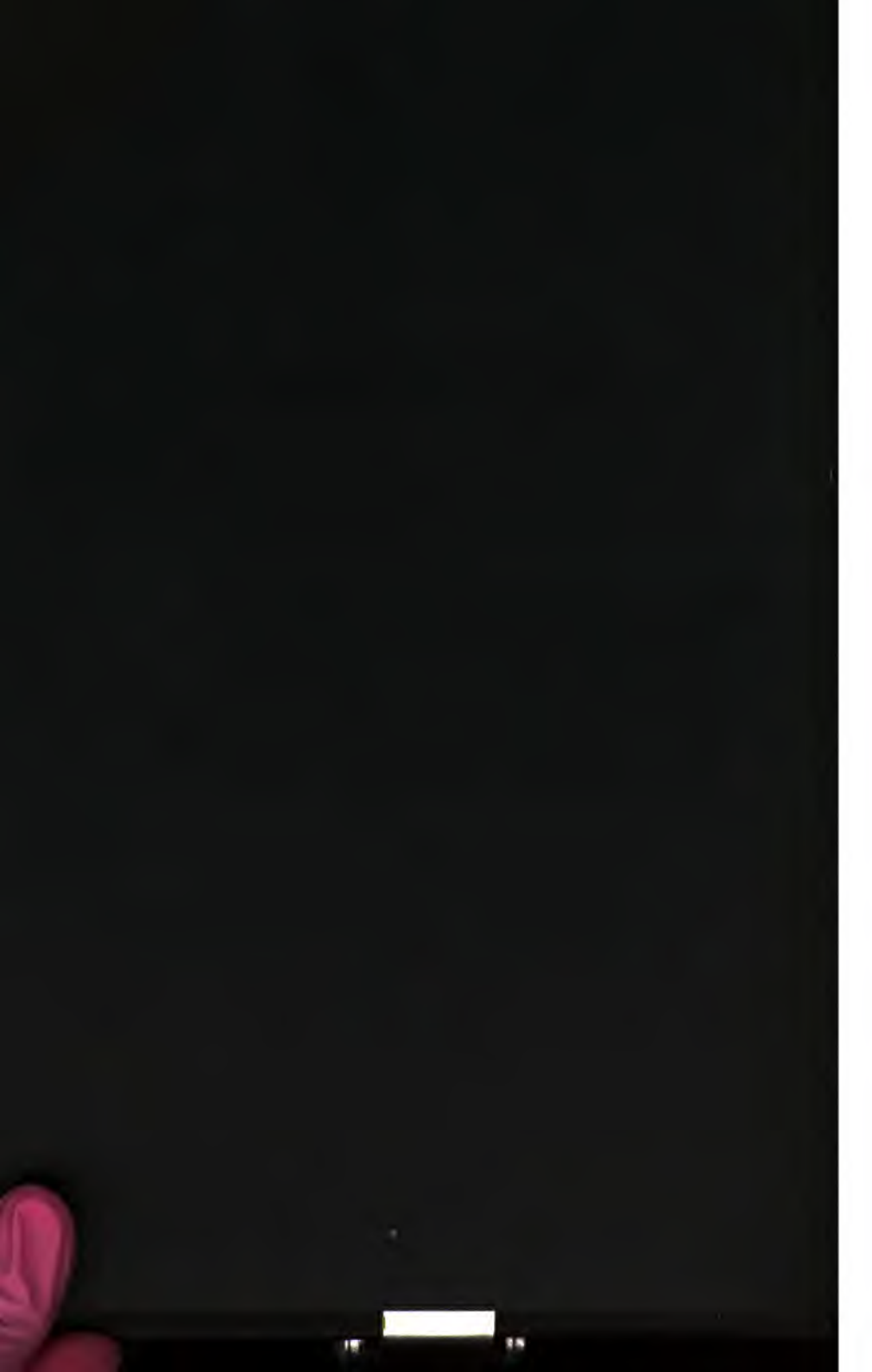
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Andrew Way, Jr. was trained as a printer in Philadelphia, and founded the company Way and Groff with Joseph Groff in 1798. The company sought and received lucrative government printing contracts. *Rules and Articles for the Better Government of the Troops. . . of the United States* is one of their better known works. The firm opened a branch in Washington in 1800, and the partnership was dissolved in 1802.

Andrew Way, Jr., joined his brother George to form their own bookselling and printing company, A & G Way, in Philadelphia and Washington, which for many years was a prominent printer of the government publications. After 1804 their major activities were centered in the new capital. The business prospered, and in 1807 the Way brothers became the dominant stockholders in a new glass works, which flourished under their astute direction.

They were involved in local social and political affairs, and actively and very successfully lobbied for government printing. They kept on good social and business terms with John Beckley, Clerk of the House, and Samuel Otis, Secretary of the Senate, and these men of some influence helped them greatly.

George, who was the less active partner, died on May 26, 1819, and Andrew continued to operate the printing and glass companies. In 1822 Andrew brought in a new partner, Jacob Gideon, and the printing works began trading under the imprint of Way and Gideon. The company lasted until 1834—and thereafter Andrew Way, Jr. devoted his energies to directing his glass works.

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Congress of the United States,

BEGUN and held at the city of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, on Monday, the first of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, being the *Second Session* of the NINTH CONGRESS, held under the Constitution of Government of the United States.

On which day, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of Congress, the following Members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took their seats, to wit :—

From NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

{ Silas Betton,
Caleb Ellis,
David Hough,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas W. Thompson.

From MASSACHUSETTS, .

{ Joseph Barker,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Chandler,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
William Ely,
Isaiah L. Green,
Seth Hastings,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Josiah Quincy,
Ebenezer Seaver,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Joseph B. Varnum.

From VERMONT, . . .	{ Martin Chittenden, James Elliot, James Fisk, Gideon Olin.
From RHODE ISLAND, .	{ Nehemiah Knight, Joseph Stanton,
From CONNECTICUT, . .	{ Samuel W. Dana, John Davenport, junior, Jonathan O. Mosely, Timothy Pitkin, junior, Lewis B. Sturges, Benjamin Tallmadge.
From NEW YORK, . . .	{ John Blake, junior, Silas Halsey, John Russell, Peter Saily, Thomas Sammons, Martin G. Schuneman, Philip Van Cortlandt, Killian K. Van Rensselaer.
From NEW JERSEY, . .	{ Ezra Darby, Ebenezer Elmer, John Lambert, James Sloan, Henry Southard.
From PENNSYLVANIA, .	{ Isaac Anderson, David Bard, Robert Brown, Joseph Clay, Frederick Conrad, William Findley, John Hamilton, James Kelly, John Pugh, John Rea, Jacob Richards, John Smilie, Samuel Smith, John Whitehill, Robert Whitehill.
From DELAWARE, . . .	{ James M. Broom,
From MARYLAND, . . .	{ Charles Goldsborough, Patrick Magruder, William McCreery, Nicholas R. Moore, Roger Nelson.

OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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From VIRGINIA, . . .	{ Burwell Bassett, John Claiborne, John Clopton, John Dawson, John W. Eppes, James M. Garnett, Peterson Goodwyn, David Holmes, Walter Jones, Joseph Lewis, junior, Thomas Newton, junior, John Randolph.
From NORTH CAROLINA,	{ Willis Alston, junior, Thomas Kenan, Duncan Mac Farland, Nathaniel Macon, (<i>Speaker.</i>) Richard Stanford, Joseph Winston, Thomas Wynn.
From SOUTH CAROLINA, .	{ William Butler, Robert Marion, Thomas Moore, David R. Williams.
From GEORGIA, . . .	{ Peter Early, David Meriwether.
From OHIO,	{ Jeremiah Morrow.
From KENTUCKY, . . .	{ George M. Bedinger, John Boyle, Thomas Sandford.
From TENNESSEE, . . .	{ George W. Campbell, John Rhea.
Delegate from the MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY, . . ;	{ William Lattimore.

Two new members, to wit, from Connecticut, Theodore Dwight, returned to serve in this House, as a member for the said state, in the room of John Cotton Smith, who has resigned his seat; and from Virginia, William A. Burwell, returned to serve in this House, as a member for the said state, in the room of Christopher Clarke, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Daniel Clark, returned to serve as a delegate from the Orleans territory of the United States, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number being present,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business, and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Dawson and Mr. George W. Campbell, be appointed a committee, on the part of this House, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them: And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Findley, Mr. Elmer, Mr. Eppes, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Schuneman, Mr. Bidwell, and Mr. Ellis.

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Holmes, Mr. Moore, (of Maryland) Mr. Moore, (of South Carolina) Mr. Bedinger, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Stanton, and Mr. Tallmadge.

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Crowninshield, Mr. M'Crary, Mr. Early, Mr. Dana, Mr. Newton, Mr. Marion, and Mr. Richards.

Ordered, That a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Roger Nelson, Mr. Quincy, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Garnett, and Mr. Meriwether.

Ordered, That a Committee on the Public Lands be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Boyle, Mr. Morrow, (of Ohio) Mr. Darby, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Russell, Mr. Campbell, (of Tennessee,) and Mr. Hastings.

Ordered, That a Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Tenney, Mr. Alston, and Mr. Claiborne.

Ordered, That a Committee of Accounts be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Conrad, Mr. Davenport, and Mr. Cutts.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three news-papers to each member, such as the members, respectively, shall chuse, to be delivered at their lodgings; and that if any member shall chuse to take any news-paper, other than a daily paper, he shall be furnished with as many of such papers, as shall not exceed the price of a daily paper.

Mr. Dawson, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make to them, reported, that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them, that he would make a communication, in writing, to this House, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, by way of message.

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, during the present session, be eleven o'clock, in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 2, 1806.

Several other members, to wit; from New-York, Henry W. Livingston and Uri Tracy; from Maryland, John Campbell; from Virginia, John Morrow, Thomas M. Randolph, John Smith, Philip R. Thompson, and Alexander Wilson; from North Carolina, James Holland; and from South Carolina, Elias Earle, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have resolved that two chaplains of different denominations be appointed to Congress for the present session, one for each House, who shall interchange weekly: And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the said message do lie on the table.
A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.

IT would have given me, fellow citizens, great satisfaction to announce, in the moment of your meeting, that the difficulties in our foreign relations, existing at the time of your last separation, had been amicably and justly terminated. I lost no time in taking those measures which were most likely to bring them to such a termination, by special missions, charged with such powers and instructions as, in the event of failure, could leave no imputation on either our moderation or forbearance. The delays which have since taken place in our negotiations with the British government, appear to have proceeded from causes which do not forbid the expectation, that, during the course of the session, I may be enabled to lay before you their final issue. What will be that of the negotiations for settling our differences with Spain, nothing which had taken place, at the date of the last dispatches, enables us to pronounce. On the western side of the Mississippi, she advanced in considerable force, and took post at the settlement of Bayou Pierre, on the Red river. This village was originally settled by France, was held by her as long as she held Louisiana, and was delivered to Spain only as a part of Louisiana. Being small, insulated, and distant, it was not observed, at the moment of redelivery to France and the United States, that she continued a guard of half a dozen men, which had been stationed there. A proposition, however, having been lately made, by our commander in chief, to assume the Sabine river as a temporary line of separation between the troops of the two nations, until the issue of our negotiations shall be known, this has been referred by the Spa-

nish commandant to his superior, and in the mean time he has withdrawn his force to the western side of the Sabine river. The correspondence on this subject, now communicated, will exhibit more particularly the present state of things in that quarter.

The nature of that country requires indispensably that an unusual proportion of the force employed there should be cavalry, or mounted infantry. In order, therefore, that the commanding officer might be enabled to act with effect, I had authorized him to call on the governors of Orleans and Mississippi, for a corps of five hundred volunteer cavalry. The temporary arrangement he has proposed may perhaps render this unnecessary. But I inform you with great pleasure, of the promptitude with which the inhabitants of those territories have tendered their services in defence of their country. It has done honor to themselves, entitled them to the confidence of their fellow-citizens in every part of the union, and must strengthen the general determination to protect them efficaciously under all circumstances which may occur.

Having received information that in another part of the United States a great number of private individuals were combining together, arming and organizing themselves, contrary to law, to carry on a military expedition against the territories of Spain, I thought it necessary, by proclamation, as well as by special orders, to take measures for preventing and suppressing this enterprize, for seizing the vessels, arms and other means provided for it, and for arresting and bringing to justice its authors and abettors. It was due to that good faith which ought ever to be the rule of action in public, as well as in private transactions; it was due to good order and regular government, that, while the public force was acting strictly on the defensive, and merely to protect our citizens from aggression, the criminal attempts of private individuals to decide, for their country, the question of peace or war, by commencing active and unauthorized

hostilities, should be promptly and efficaciously suppressed.

Whether it will be necessary to enlarge our regular force, will depend on the result of our negotiations with Spain. But as it is uncertain when that result will be known, the provisional measures requisite for that, and to meet any pressure intervening in that quarter, will be a subject for your early consideration.

The possession of both banks of the Mississippi, reducing to a single point the defence of that river, its waters, and the country adjacent, it becomes highly necessary to provide for that point a more adequate security. Some position above its mouth, commanding the passage of the river, should be rendered sufficiently strong to cover the armed vessels which may be stationed there for defence; and, in conjunction with them, to present an insuperable obstacle to any force attempting to pass. The approaches to the city of New Orleans, from the eastern quarter also, will require to be examined, and more effectually guarded. For the internal support of the country, the encouragement of a strong settlement on the western side of the Mississippi, within reach of New Orleans, will be worthy the consideration of the legislature.

The gun-boats, authorized by an act of the last session, are so advanced that they will be ready for service in the ensuing spring. Circumstances permitted us to allow the time necessary for their more solid construction. As a much larger number will still be wanting to place our sea port towns and waters in that state of defence to which we are competent, and they entitled, a similar appropriation for a further provision of them is recommended for the ensuing year.

A further appropriation will also be necessary for repairing fortifications already established, and the erection of such other works as may have real effect in obstructing the approach of an enemy to our sea port towns, or their remaining before them.

In a country whose constitution is derived from the will of the people, directly expressed by their free suffrages, where the principal executive functionaries, and those of the legislature, are renewed by them at short periods, where, under the character of jurors, they exercise in person the greatest portion of the judiciary powers, where the laws are consequently so formed and administered as to bear with equal weight and favor on all, restraining no man in the pursuits of honest industry, and securing to every one the property which that acquires, it would not be supposed that any safe-guards could be needed against insurrection, or enterprize, on the public peace or authority. The laws, however, aware that these should not be trusted to moral restraints only, have wisely provided punishment for these crimes when committed. But would it not be salutary to give also the means of preventing their commission? Where an enterprize is meditated, by private individuals, against a foreign nation, in amity with the United States, powers of prevention, to a certain extent, are given by the laws. Would they not be as reasonable, and useful, where the enterprize preparing is against the United States? While adverting to this branch of law, it is proper to observe that in enterprizes meditated against foreign nations, the ordinary process of binding to the observance of the peace and good behaviour, could it be extended to acts to be done out of the jurisdiction of the United States, would be effectual in some cases where the offender is able to keep out of sight every indication of his purpose which could draw on him the exercise of the powers now given by law.

The states on the coast of Barbary seem generally disposed at present to respect our peace and friendship. With Tunis alone, some uncertainty remains. Persuaded that it is our interest to maintain our peace with them on equal terms, or not at all, I propose to send, in due time, a reinforcement

into the Mediterranean ; unless previous information shall shew it to be unnecessary.

We continue to receive proofs of the growing attachment of our Indian neighbours, and of their disposition to place all their interests under the patronage of the United States. These dispositions are inspired by their confidence in our justice, and in the sincere concern we feel for their welfare. And as long as we discharge these high and honorable functions with the integrity and good faith which alone can entitle us to their continuance, we may expect to reap the just reward in their peace and friendship.

The expedition of Messrs. Lewis and Clarke, for exploring the river Missouri, and the best communication from that to the Pacific ocean, has had all the success which could have been expected. They have traced the Missouri nearly to its source, descended the Columbia to the Pacific ocean, ascertained with accuracy the geography of that interesting communication across our continent, learnt the character of the country, of its commerce and inhabitants ; and it is but justice to say, that Messrs. Lewis and Clarke, and their brave companions, have, by this arduous service, deserved well of their country.

The attempt to explore the Red river, under the direction of Mr. Freeman, though conducted with a zeal and prudence meriting entire approbation, has not been equally successful. After proceeding up it about six hundred miles, nearly as far as the French settlements had extended, while the country was in their possession, our geographers were obliged to return without completing their work.

Very useful additions have also been made to our knowledge of the Mississippi by Lieut. Pike, who has ascended it to its source, and whose journal and map, giving the details of his journey, will shortly be ready for communication to both Houses of Con-

gress. Those of Messrs. Lewis, Clarke and Freeman will require further time to be digested and prepared. These important surveys, in addition to those before possessed, furnish materials for commencing an accurate map of the Mississippi and its western waters. Some principal rivers, however, remain still to be explored, towards which the authorization of Congress, by moderate appropriations, will be requisite.

I congratulate you, fellow citizens, on the approach of the period at which you may interpose your authority constitutionally, to withdraw the citizens of the United States from all further participation in those violations of human rights, which have been so long continued on the unoffending inhabitants of Africa; and which the morality, the reputation, and the best interests of our country, have long been eager to proscribe. Although no law you may pass can take prohibitory effect till the first day of the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, yet the intervening period is not too long to prevent, by timely notice, expeditions which cannot be completed before that day.

The receipts at the treasury, during the year ending on the thirtieth day of September last, have amounted to near fifteen millions of dollars; which have enabled us, after meeting the current demands, to pay two millions seven hundred thousand dollars of the American claims, in part of the price of Louisiana; to pay, of the funded debt, upwards of three millions of principal, and nearly four of interest, and, in addition, to reimburse, in the course of the present month, near two millions of five and a half per cent. stock. These payments and reimbursements of the funded debt, with those which had been made in the four years and a half preceding, will, at the close of the present year, have extinguished upwards of twenty-three millions of principal.

The duties composing the Mediterranean fund will cease, by law, at the end of the present session. Considering, however, that they are levied chiefly on luxuries, and that we have an impost on salt, a necessary of life, the free use of which otherwise is so important, I recommend to your consideration the suppression of the duties on salt, and the continuation of the Mediterranean fund, instead thereof, for a short time, after which that also will become unnecessary for any purpose now within contemplation.

When both of these branches of revenue shall, in this way, be relinquished, there will still, ere long, be an accumulation of monies in the treasury, beyond the instalments of public debt which we are permitted by contract to pay. They cannot then, without a modification, assented to by the public creditors, be applied to the extinguishment of this debt, and the complete liberation of our revenues, the most desirable of all objects : nor, if our peace continues, will they be wanting for any other existing purpose. The question therefore now comes forward, to what other objects shall these surplusses be appropriated, and the whole surplus of impost, after the entire discharge of the public debt, and during those intervals when the purposes of war shall not call for them ? Shall we suppress the impost, and give that advantage to foreign over domestic manufactures ? On a few articles of more general and necessary use, the suppression, in due season, will doubtless be right ; but the great mass of the articles on which impost is paid, are foreign luxuries purchased by those only who are rich enough to afford themselves the use of them. Their patriotism would certainly prefer its continuance, and application to the great purposes of the public education, roads, rivers, canals, and such other objects of public improvement, as it may be thought proper to add to the constitutional enumeration of federal powers. By these operations, new channels of communication will be opened between the states ;

the lines of separation will disappear, their interests will be identified, and their union cemented by new and indissoluble ties. Education is here placed among the articles of public care; not that it would be proposed to take its ordinary branches out of the hands of private enterprize, which manages so much better all the concerns to which it is equal; but a public institution can alone supply those sciences, which, though rarely called for, are yet necessary to complete the circle, all the parts of which contribute to the improvement of the country, and some of them to its preservation. The subject is now proposed for the consideration of congress, because, if approved by the time the state legislatures shall have deliberated on this extension of the federal trusts, and the laws shall be passed and other arrangements made for their execution, the necessary funds will be on hand, and without employment. I suppose an amendment to the constitution, by consent of the states, necessary, because the objects now recommended are not among those enumerated in the constitution, and to which it permits the public monies to be applied.

The present consideration of a national establishment for education particularly, is rendered proper by this circumstance also, that if congress, approving the proposition, shall yet think it more eligible to found it on a donation of lands, they have it now in their power to endow it with those which will be among the earliest to produce the necessary income. This foundation would have the advantage of being independent on war, which may suspend other improvements, by requiring, for its own purposes, the resources destined for them.

This, fellow citizens, is the state of the public interests at the present moment, and according to the information now possessed. But such is the situation of the nations of Europe, and such too the predicament in which we stand with some of them, that we cannot rely with certainty on the present aspect of

our affairs, that may change from moment to moment, during the course of your session, or after you shall have separated. Our duty is therefore to act upon things as they are, and to make a reasonable provision for whatever they may be. Were armies to be raised whenever a speck of war is visible in our horizon, we never should have been without them. Our resources would have been exhausted on dangers which have never happened, instead of being reserved for what is really to take place. A steady, perhaps a quickened, pace in preparations for the defence of our sea port towns and waters, an early settlement of the most exposed and vulnerable parts of our country, a militia so organized that its effective portions can be called to any point in the union, or volunteers instead of them, to serve a sufficient time, are means which may always be ready, yet never preying on our resources until actually called into use. They will maintain the public interests, while a more permanent force shall be in a course of preparation. But much will depend on the promptitude with which these means can be brought into activity. If war be forced upon us in spite of our long and vain appeals to the justice of nations, rapid and vigorous movements, in its outset, will go far towards securing us in its course and issue, and towards throwing its burthens on those who render necessary the resort from reason to force.

The result of our negotiations, or such incidents in their course as may enable us to infer their probable issue, such further movements also, on our western frontier as may shew whether war is to be pressed there, while negotiation is protracted elsewhere, shall be communicated to you from time to time, as they become known to me, with whatever other information I possess or may receive, which may aid your deliberations on the great national interests committed to your charge.

TH: JEFFERSON.

Dec. 2, 1806.

Ordered, That the said message, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to a committee of the whole House, on the state of the union.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1806.

Several other members, to wit ; from New-York, Josiah Masters and David Thomas ; from Maryland, Leonard Covington ; and from South Carolina, Levi Casey, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Another new member, to wit ; Edward Lloyd, from Maryland, returned to serve in this House, as a member for the said state, in the room of Joseph H. Nicholson, who hath resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him, by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate, for the appointment of two chaplains to Congress, for the present session, one by each House, to interchange weekly : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do concur with the Senate therein.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed, by ballot, to the appointment of a chaplain to Congress, on their part.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the state of the union ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the union under consideration, and come to several resolutions there-

upon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, as follow :

1. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to an invasion of our territory by the troops of Spain, and to the adoption of measures for the protection thereof, be referred to a select committee.

2. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the repairs of fortifications, and to the farther protection of our ports, towns and rivers, be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to a revision and amendment of the laws for the punishment of crimes against the United States, be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the prohibition of the African slave trade, be referred to a select committee.

5. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to a suppression of the duties on salt ; to a continuation of the Mediterranean fund ; and to the state of our revenues, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

6. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the adoption of measures preparatory to the future appropriation of the surplus revenue of the United States, be referred to a select committee.

7. Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the further exploring of the western waters, be referred to a select committee.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions at the Clerk's table, and the same being again read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Sandford, Mr. George W. Campbell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Butler, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Roger Nelson, Mr. Philip R. Thompson, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Rea, (of Pennsylvania,) Mr. Thomas, Mr. Elliot, and Mr. Wynns, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the second resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Ely, Mr. Sloan, and Mr. Thomas W. Thompson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the third resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Early, Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Van Rensselaer, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Bidwell, Mr. Rhea, (of Tennessee,) Mr. Bedinger, Mr. Morrow, (of Ohio,) Mr. Betton, Mr. Olin, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Saily, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Robert Whitehill, Mr. Broom, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Holland, Mr. David R. Williams, and Mr. Early, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the sixth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Alston, Mr. Barker, Mr. Blake, Mr. John Whitehill, and Mr. Morrow, (of Virginia,) be appointed a committee, pursuant to the seventh resolution.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his secretary, as followeth :

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America.*

I have the satisfaction to inform you that the negotiation depending between the United States and the government of Great Britain, is proceeding in a spirit of friendship and accommodation which pro-

mises a result of mutual advantage. Delays indeed have taken place, occasioned by the long illness, and subsequent death of the British minister charged with that duty. But the commissioners appointed by that government to resume the negotiation, have shewn every disposition to hasten its progress : it is however a work of time ; as many arrangements are necessary to place our future harmony on stable grounds. In the mean time, we find, by the communications of our plenipotentiaries, that a temporary suspension of the act of the last session, prohibiting certain importations, would, as a mark of candid disposition on our part, and of confidence in the temper and views with which they have been met, have a happy effect on its course. A step so friendly will afford further evidence that all our proceedings have flowed from views of justice and conciliation, and that we give them willingly that form which may best meet corresponding dispositions.

Add to this that the same motives which produced the postponement of the act till the fifteenth of November last, are in favor of its further suspension : and as we have reason to hope that it may soon yield to arrangements of mutual consent and convenience, justice seems to require that the same measure may be dealt out to the few cases which may fall within its short course, as to all others preceding and following it. I cannot, therefore, but recommend the suspension of this act for a reasonable time, on considerations of justice, amity, and the public interests.

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Ordered. That the said message be referred to Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Marion, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. M'Creery, and Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of John Lœhman, of the city of Philadelphia, which was received, and read, praying compensation for

services rendered, as a surgeon, in the army of the United States, during the war with Great-Britain.

Also, a petition of Ludwig Kuhn, of the state of Pennsylvania, praying the liquidation of a claim for supplies furnished the army of the United States, during the war with Great-Britain.

Mr. Bidwell presented to the House, a petition of Martha Strong, sister and only heir of Charles Knowles, late a lieutenant of artillery, and paymaster of a regiment, in the army of the United States, which was received, and read, praying that an equitable settlement of the accounts of the deceased may be made for his services, and commutation of half pay, during the revolutionary war.

Mr. Crowninshield presented to the House, a petition of Arnold Martin, and Sarah his wife, which was received, and read, praying the liquidation of the claim of the said Sarah Martin, late the widow of James Mugford, deceased, for bounty, and for prize money due to the deceased, out of captures made by him in the service of the United States, during the war with Great-Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Clay presented to the House, a petition of Jacob Ritter, junior, of the city of Philadelphia, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the drawback of duties on sixty four canisters of sugar, exported by him in the ship Fair American, may be allowed by the collector of the district of Philadelphia.

Also, a petition of Stephen Kingston, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that his petition, heretofore presented to this House, with the vouchers accompanying the same, may be fully examined, and finally decided upon.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post-office and post-roads within the United States; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Varnum, Mr. Meriwether, Mr. Hough, Mr. Dwight, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Sammons, Mr. Southard, Mr. Bard, Mr. Broom, Mr. Covington, Mr. Clopton, Mr. Winston, Mr. Earle, Mr. Morrow, (of Ohio,) Mr. Sandford, Mr. George W. Campbell, and Mr. Knight.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded;

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the post-masters of the cities of Washington, Baltimore, Charleston, (South Carolina,) Philadelphia, and New-York, and the towns of Boston and Salem, to establish within the said cities and towns, or their suburbs, any number not exceeding offices, for the receipt and distribution of letters.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed the reverend Mr. Sayrs, to be one of the chaplains to Congress, on their part: And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Bidwell, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider what provision ought to be made, by law, for taking evidence in cases of contested elections of members of the House of Representatives of the United States; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Bidwell, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Smith, (of Pennsylvania,) Mr. Smith, (of Virginia,) and Mr. Pitkin, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 4, 1806.

Another member, to wit; Thomas Blount, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Kelly presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that a post route may be established between the boroughs of York and Harrisburgh, to pass through the towns of Lisburn, Lewisberry, Newbury, Strinestown, and their vicinities, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Sturges presented to the House, a petition of sundry owners and masters of vessels, navigating Long-Island sound, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that a light-house may be established at the public expense, on Fayerweather Island, in the state of Connecticut.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House, and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the reverend Mr. Elliot.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Singleton, presented to this House, on the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee appointed yesterday, on the message of the President of the United States, recommending the suspension of the act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares,

and merchandise, presented, according to order, a bill to suspend the operation of an act, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise;" and to remit the penalties incurred under the same, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the several memorials and petitions, heretofore presented to this House, for and against the erection of a bridge over the Potomac river, in the territory of Columbia, and the several papers and documents accompanying the same, together with the report of the select committee, made on the twenty first of January last, be severally referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Casey, Mr. Covington, and Mr. Goodwyn; and that they have leave to report on the same by bill, or otherwise.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 5, 1806.

Another member, to wit; Evan Alexander, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Thomas presented to the House, a petition of Joseph McCracken, of the state of New-York, which was received, and read, praying compensation for monies advanced, and services rendered to the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great-Britain.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented to the House, a petition of William Munday, of the city of Baltimore, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received, in the service of the

United States, during the revolutionary war with Great-Britain, which render him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Mr. Brown presented to the House, a petition of Casper Reeser, of the state of Pennsylvania, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that certain certificates of the public debt, held by the petitioner, may be audited and allowed at the Treasury of the United States.

Mr. Eppes presented to the House, a petition of Benjamin Sadler, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received while a soldier in the army of the United States, and of bodily sufferings and hardships sustained while a prisoner of the enemy, during the revolutionary war with Great-Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sloan presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Galloway, in the state of New-Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of a post route from Leedsburg to Absecon, in the said state.

Mr. Chandler presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Hebron, in the state of Massachusetts, praying the establishment of a post route from Minat, in the county of Cumberland, to Hebron, in the county of Oxford, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Magruder presented to the House, a petition of William Hearn, of the state of Maryland, which was received, and read, stating that he is confined in the jail of Washington county, in the territory of Columbia, as special bail for a certain Jeremiah Perry, at the suit of the United States; that the powers delegated to the executive and judiciary departments of the said territory, by the insolvent act, are incompetent to the grant of any relief; and praying that a spe-

cial act may be passed in his favor, to relieve him from his said confinement.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Magruder, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Nelson, (of Massachusetts;) that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Garnett be excused from serving on the Committee of Ways and Means; and that Mr. John Randolph be appointed of the said committee, in his place.

Mr. Halsey presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Ovid, in the state of New-York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the privilege may be granted them, by law, of purchasing an entire township of the public lands, on the Wabash river, in the Indiana territory, for the purpose of settlement and cultivation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to suspend the operation of an act, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise," and to remit the penalties incurred under the same; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table; And debate arising thereon,

It was, on a motion made and seconded,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a

report and sundry documents, marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and K, prepared in obedience to the act, supplementary to the act, intituled "An act to establish the Treasury Department," which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 6, 1806.

Mr. Fisk presented to the House, a petition of William Kincaid, of the state of Vermont, which was received, and read, stating that at the commencement of the revolutionary war the petitioner enlisted as a soldier in the army of the United States, that on the twenty-third of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine he was taken prisoner by the Indians and carried to Canada, where he remained in captivity until November one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and that during all the term of his captivity his name was omitted in the muster rolls of the army, by which omission he is deprived of his pay and bounty of land; and praying that Congress will grant him such relief in the premises as to their wisdom and justice shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of John Tozer, presented to this House, on the seventeenth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. McCreery,

Ordered, That the petition of William Smith, presented to this House, on the fifteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition

of John Loehman, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, and the documents accompanying the same.

The House proceeded to consider the bill, which lay on the Clerk's table, to suspend the operation of an act, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise," and to remit the penalties incurred under the same, when the first section thereof being again read, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the operation of the act; passed on the eighteenth day of April last, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise," be, and the same hereby is suspended until the day of next."

A motion was made, and the question being put, to fill up the blanks therein, with the words *thirty first of December,*

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 45.
Nays 67.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
James M. Broom,
John Boyle,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Theodore Dwight,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,

William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Seth Hastings,
David Hough,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,

David Meriwether,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Thomas Sandford,
Richard Stanford,

William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer, and
Thomas Wynna.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Issac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Dawson,
Elias Earle,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppea,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
Nicholas R. Moots,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Gideon Olin,
John Pugh,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Martin C. Schunemah,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy,
Joseph B. Varnuth,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Joseph Winston.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, to fill up the blanks in the said first section, with the words *first of July*,

It was resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 97.} \\ \text{Nays 12.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Derby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,

John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Silas Halsey,
Seth Hastings,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),

Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 John Smilie,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,

Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 John Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynna.

Those who voted in the negative, are

John Campbell,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 David Hough,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,

Jeremiah Nelson,
 Josiah Quincy,
 James Sloan,
 Samuel Smith,
 Joseph Stanton, and
 Joseph B. Varnum.

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read the third time, to day.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Ordered, That the several petitions of sundry merchants, traders, and farmers, on the waters of the Roanoake and Cashie rivers, in the district of Edenton, and state of North Carolina, presented to this House, on the twenty sixth of March, and the ninth and sixteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and four, together with a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made thereon, on the fifth of March last, be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

An engrossed bill to suspend the operation of an act, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise," and to remit the penalties incurred under the same, was read the third time,

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 101.
 { Nays 5.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,

Silas Halsey,
Seth Hastings,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Gideon (Olin),
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sanford,
Martin G. Schuneman,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,

William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,

Uri Tracy,
Phillip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
John Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Isaiah L. Green,
John Hamilton,
James Sloan,

Joseph B. Varnum, and
David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be "An act to suspend the operation of an act, intituled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise,' and to remit the penalties incurred under the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, December 8, 1806.

Another new member, to wit; John Porter, from Pennsylvania, returned to serve as a member for the said state, in the place of Michael Leib, who hath resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Several other members, to wit; from New-York, Eliphalet Wickes; from Maryland, John Archer; and from North Carolina, Marmaduke Williams, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On a motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the standing rules and orders of this House, be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Ovid, in the state of New-York, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Mr. Darby presented to the House, a petition of the members of the Baptist congregation, in the city of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, signed by order and in behalf of the said congregation by Thomas Carpenter, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that an act of incorporation may be passed, vesting in the said church such powers, privileges and immunities, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper, for the benefit and advantage of the said congregation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Darby, Mr. Archer, and Mr. Seaver; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Tenney presented to the House, a petition of Gideon Lamson, of the state of New Hampshire, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the drawback of duties on one hundred and seven boxes of sugar, laden on board the ship Doris, and destined for Antwerp, which were damaged by the leakage of the said ship, while in the port of Philadelphia, may be allowed to him; or that such other relief may be afforded him, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Early presented to the House, a petition of the legal representatives of Phineas Miller, by Jonah Whitney, their attorney, which was received, and read, praying the settlement and allowance of an account, due the deceased, for additional expenses,

incurred by him in completing a contract with the Navy Department, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, to furnish live oak timber for the frames of six seventy-four gun ships.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented to the House, a petition of William McCarty, of the city of New-York, which was received, and read, praying the settlement of his account, for monies advanced for the benefit of the army of the United States, while in Canada, during the revolutionary war; and that a donation of the public lands may be made to the petitioner similar to the donations made to certain persons by the act, intituled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On a motion of Mr. Crowninshield, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to furnish the House of Representatives, with a statement of the amount of deposits of the public money, in the United States' and other banks, for the three last years, together with an estimate of the balances in favor of the United States, remaining in the said banks, respectively, for that period, distinguishing the amount in each year,

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the petition of George Little, presented to this House, on the ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the petition of André Joseph Villard, presented to this House, on the eighteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, together with the report of a select committee made thereon, on the seventeenth of March last, be referred to Mr. Newton, Mr. Varnum, and Mr. Masters,

that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be authorized to cause immediate measures to be taken for pulling down the plaistering, or otherwise securing the ceiling of the chamber, in which the sessions of the House are now held.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a report and estimates of appropriation necessary for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and seven; also, a statement of the receipts and expenditures at the Treasury of the United States, for one year preceding the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 9, 1806.

On motion of Mr. Ely, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That any farther proceedings by the Speaker of this House, under the order of the eighth instant, relative to securing the ceiling of the chamber of the House, be suspended until the further order of the House.

The said resolution was twice read at the Clerk's table, and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Mr. Bidwell, from the committee appointed on the third instant, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives

of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," and in addition to the same, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That so much of the petition of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Mississippi territory, presented to this House, on the twenty-fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and five, as relates to the establishment of a hospital at the town of Natchez; an increase of the salaries of the judges; and an extension of the right of suffrage, in the aforesaid territory, be referred to a select committee; and that Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, Mr. Lattimore, Mr. Taggart, Mr. Wickes, and Mr. Hamilton, be the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Clark, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be directed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary in the act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to lands within the territory of Orleans, and district of Louisiana; and to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee appointed on the fourth instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the district of Columbia, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Mr. Tracy presented to the House, a petition of Philip Turner, of the state of New-York, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered as surgeon general in the army of the United

States, during the revolutionary war with Great-Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Chandler presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Kennebec, in the district of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Hallowell to Norridgework; from Norridgework through Madison to Anson; and from Norridgework through Starks and Industry to Farmington, in the said county.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the several petitions of John Baker, presented to this House, on the eleventh of March last; of James Callier, presented to this House, on the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five; of William Coleman, presented to this House, on the twenty-fifth of February last; of Young Gaines, presented to this House, on the fourth of February last; and of Edwin Lewis, presented to this House, on the twenty-fifth of January, and twenty-fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of offering for sale the public lands, situate between the United States' military tract and the Connecticut reserve, to which the Indian title has been extinguished; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Jackson and Charles Spencer, executors of doctor William Carter, presented to this House, on the fifteenth of Novem-

ber, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 1806.

Mr. Eppes presented to the House, a petition of Peter Dupuy, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying that the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department may be authorized to liquidate and settle his claim for the amount and value of certain indent warrants, stock of the United States, held by the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, and Mr. Porter, be appointed a committee for inrolled bills, jointly with such committee as may be appointed for that purpose, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Maryland and Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Fredericktown through Creagers-town, in the state of Maryland, to Gettisbury, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of John Hargishimer, of the state of Maryland, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, as a soldier in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great-Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Kanawha, in the state of Virginia, presented to this House, on the fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, and seconded,

Ordered, That the report of the commissioners under the act, intituled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," which was made to this House, on the twenty-first of April last, be referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Green, with leave to report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Magruder,

Ordered, That the petition of William Bawner, presented to this House, on the thirtieth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 11, 1806.

Another member, to wit; John G. Jackson, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Joseph McCracken, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Joseph McCracken ought not to be granted.

Mr. Holmes, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition of Martha Strong, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition, and the documents accompanying the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Turner, of the joint committee for inrolled bills, on their part: And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Clopton, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following be proposed as an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said constitution, to wit:

The last clause of the eighth section of the first article of the constitution, which contains the following words: "to make all laws, which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof," shall be construed so as to comprehend only such laws, as shall have a natural connection with, and immediate relation to, the powers enumerated in the said section, or to such other powers as are expressly vested by this constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House, on the state of the union.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of rebuilding the light house on North island,

and fixing buoys in Winyaw bay; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. McCreery,

Ordered, That the several petitions of the merchants, farmers and planters, residing in St. Mary's county, in the state of Maryland, presented to this House, on the twenty-third of November, one thousand eight hundred and three; of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, in the said state, presented to this House, on the fourth and seventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, and on the twenty-seventh of January last, be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures; and that they have leave to report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. McCreery,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Garts, and others, refiners of sugar, in the city of Baltimore, presented to this House, on the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, with leave to report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of sundry patentees, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the privilege of a renewal of their patents for a second term after the expiration of the first, for the exclusive enjoyment of their respective discoveries and improvements, they paying therefor, into the Treasury of the United States, such sums as may be deemed just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Elmer; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the petition of Edmund Briggs, presented to this House, on the ninth of December,

one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Stanton, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Stanton, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Stedman, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Dana, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Broom, Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. John Morrow, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Meriwether, Mr. Rhea, (of Tennessee,) Mr. Bedinger, and Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Dana,

Ordered, That the petition of Moses Tryon and Richard Law, junior, presented to this House, on the eighteenth of October, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 12, 1806.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the governor of the state of Pennsylvania, accompanying the copy of a letter from Michael Leib, esquire, containing his resignation of a seat in this House, as one of the members for the said state; also a copy of the governor's writ of election to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby, and a duplicate return of the election of John Porter, to serve in this House as a representative for the said state of Pennsylvania, in the room of the said Michael Leib, which were read,

and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," and in addition to the same; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next; again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the several petitions referred to them during the present session, of Ludwig Kuhn; of Arnold Martin and Sarah his wife; of William Kincaid; of Philip Turner; and of John Hargishimer; and that the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed yesterday, "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

On motion of Mr. John Randolph,

Resolved, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petitions of the inspectors of customs of the cities of New-York, Baltimore and Philadelphia; together with the petitions of the inspectors of customs of the district of Salem and Beverly, of the town of Alexandria, and the district of Boston and Charlestown; also the petitions of Carleton Walker, of Joseph Farley, of Hugh West, and of the mea-

surers of coal and salt, in the city of New-York, presented at the last session of Congress, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, December 15, 1806.

Two other members, to wit; George Clinton, junior, from New York, and William Dickson, from Tennessee, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, intituled "An act to suspend the operation of an act, intituled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise,' and to remit the penalties incurred under the same," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill:

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be referred to Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Joseph Clay, and Mr. Alston.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Early, from the committee appointed on the third instant, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to the prohibition of the slave trade, presented, according to order, a bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

" To the House of Representatives of the United States.

I lay before Congress a report of the surveyor of the public buildings, stating the progress made on them during the last season, and what is proposed for the ensuing one.

I took every measure within my power for carrying into effect the request of the House of Representatives, of the seventeenth of April last, to cause the south wing of the capitol to be prepared for their accommodation by the commencement of the present session. With great regret I found it was not to be accomplished. The quantity of free stone necessary, with the size and quality of many of the blocks, was represented as beyond what could be obtained from the quarries by any exertions which could be commanded. The other parts of the work which might all have been completed in time, were necessarily retarded by the insufficient progress of the stone work.

TH: JEFFERSON."

December 15, 1806.

The said message was read, and together with the papers transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for a survey of the coasts

of the United States, designating the several islands, with the shoals and roads, or places of anchorage, within twenty leagues of any part of the shores of the United States.

Ordered, That the said motion do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the district of Columbia; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, do lie on the table.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee to whom were referred, this day, the amendments of the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act to suspend the operation of an act, intituled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise,' and to remit the penalties incurred under the same," made a report thereon: Whereupon,

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the said bill, together with the report of the committee thereon, and the first amendment of the Senate being again read in the words following, to wit: "Sec. 2, line 3, strike out the words '*This act shall take effect from and after the passing thereof.*'"

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment with an amendment, by inserting in lieu of the words proposed to be stricken out by the Senate, the following words, "on payment by the parties by whom such penalty, fine or forfeiture may have been incurred, of all costs which have accrued, or may accrue before notice of this act shall have been received by the attorneys of the several districts of the United States."

The second amendment of the Senate to the said bill being again read in the words following, to wit ; " Add a new section to the end of the bill as section third : Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, further to suspend the operation of the aforesaid act, if in his judgment the public service should require it : Provided, That such suspension shall not extend beyond the second Monday in December next."

A motion was made, and the question being put to amend the said amendment by striking out the word "*service*," and in lieu thereof inserting the word "*interest*,"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the question being taken that the House do agree to the said amendment of the Senate, as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas } 82. \\ \text{Nays } 23. \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,

Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
John Clopton,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Derby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,

Silas Halsey,
 Seth Hastings,
 James Holland,
 David Hough,
 John G. Jackson,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,

Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Russell,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sanford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Joseph Barker,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Findley,
 James Fish,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Lambert,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Randolph,
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 Peter Saily,

Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Joseph Stanton,
 David Thomas,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams, and
 Joseph Winston.

On a motion of Mr. John Randolph, and seconded,
 Resolved, That the President of the United States
 be, and he hereby is requested to cause to be laid be-
 fore this House, an account, stating the several sums
 which have been expended on the capitol, the Presi-
 dent's house, the public offices, the navy yard, and
 the marine barracks, respectively, and the amount

expended on other objects of public expense, within the city of Washington.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 16, 1806.

Mr. Philip R. Thompson presented to the House, a petition of Robert Alexander, of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of work done, and services performed by him, in the erection and completion of the public buildings at the navy yard of the United States, in the said city of Washington, a just compensation for which work and services, and also for expenses incurred in procuring materials for the said buildings, having been refused to him by the Secretary of the Navy Department.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of William Munday, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, and the papers accompanying the same.

On a motion of Mr. Thomas, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of John Little, of the county of Montgomery, in the state of New-York, praying that he may be placed on the pension list, as an invalid of the United States, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instructions to examine the evidence in support of the said claim, and report his opinion, as to the justice of allowing the same, to this House.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Ordered, That the petition of Anthony Benezet, and others, children and heirs of Daniel Benezet, deceased, presented to this House, on the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the petition of William Barton, in behalf of himself and others, presented to this House, on the twentieth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the petition of George Cornell, presented to this House, on the fifth of February last, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Meriwether,

Ordered, That the petition of John F. Randolph and Randolph M'Gillis, presented to this House, on the nineteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. John Randolph and Mr. David R. Williams, be appointed a committee to present to the President of the United States, the resolution of this House, agreed to yesterday.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House, yesterday, to the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the district of Columbia, and the same being severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

read, stating that the petitioner was appointed by the managers on the impeachment of Samuel Chase, esquire, one of the messengers to perform certain services in the state of Virginia; that when provision was made to defray the expense attending the trial of the said impeachment, his claim was omitted to be included in the estimate; and praying that such relief may be afforded him, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Garnett, that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of sundry officers who served in the British army, in America, during the war between France and Great-Britain, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying to be confirmed in their respective titles to lands, in the state of Kentucky, granted to them by the king of Great-Britain, in consideration of military services rendered to the American colonies, during the said war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act to suspend the operation of an act, intituled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise,' and to remit the penalties incurred under the same:" And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Ordered, That the petition of Jared Shattuck, by his attorneys Elliston and John Perot, presented to this House, on the twenty-eighth of March, together with the report of the Secretary of State made thereon, on the twelfth of April last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Ordered, That the petition of Anthony Benezet, and others, children and heirs of Daniel Benezet, deceased, presented to this House, on the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the petition of William Barton, in behalf of himself and others, presented to this House, on the twentieth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the petition of George Cornell, presented to this House, on the fifth of February last, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Meriwether,

Ordered, That the petition of John F. Randolph and Randolph M'Gillis, presented to this House, on the nineteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. John Randolph and Mr. David R. Williams, be appointed a committee to present to the President of the United States, the resolution of this House, agreed to yesterday.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House, yesterday, to the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the district of Columbia, and the same being severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1806.

Two other members, to wit; Peleg Wadsworth, from Massachusetts, and Daniel C. Verplanck, from New-York, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States the resolution agreed to on Monday last, reported, that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he would communicate to this House, the information requested in the said resolution, as early as possible.

Mr. Varnum presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Ashe county, in the state of Tennessee, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Jefferson, in the said county, to Elizabeth, in Carter county, in the said state of Tennessee.

Mr. Thomas W. Thompson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Colebrook, in the state of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of a post route from Lancaster to Colebrook, in the said state.

Mr. Fisk presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Middlebury, in the state of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the turnpike road from Middlebury to Woodstock, in the said state, may be established as a post road.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Magruder, from the committee, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of William Hearn, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills be brought in pursuant to the foregoing resolution; and that Mr. Magruder, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Jeremiah Nelson, do prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the district of Columbia, was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 60.
Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
Levi Casey,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Ezra Darby,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Silas Halsey,
Seth Hastings,
David Hough,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,

John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newton, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian E. Van Rensselaer,

Peleg Wadsworth,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Marmaduke Williams,

Alexander Wilson,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
Ebenezer Seaven,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill, and
David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be "An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the district of Columbia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed on the tenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on

the bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution appointing a committee, jointly with a committee to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to have the direction of the money appropriated to purchase books for the use of Congress, pursuant to the "Act making a further appropriation for the support of a library," passed on the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and six: And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dawson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Alexandria and Washington, in the territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received and read, praying that an act may be passed to incorporate a company for the purpose of making a turn-pike road, from the western end of Mason's causeway to the town of Alexandria, upon such terms and under such restrictions as may be just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Verplanck, and Mr. Cutts; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Thomas M. Randolph presented to the House, a memorial of the trustees superintending the educa-

tion of youth, in the city of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress in promoting the various objects of their institution.

Ordered, 'That the said petition be referred to Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Marmaduke Williams; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of Edward Pennington, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, refiners of sugar in the city of Philadelphia, which was received, and read, praying that a drawback of duty may be allowed on sugars refined within the United States, and exported therefrom to any foreign port or place.

Ordered, 'That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an inrolled bill, intituled "An act to suspend the operation of an act, intituled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise,' and to remit the penalties incurred under the same," and had found the same to be truly inrolled:

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 18, 1806.

Another member, to wit: Andrew Gregg, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Ordered, That the petition of William Levis and Hugh Maxwell, presented to this House, on the seventh of January last, be referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Wadsworth; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Stanton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury lay before this House, a statement of the direct tax, specifying the quotas assigned to each state, and the arrears, if any, of the individual states.

Mr. Kelly presented to the House, a petition of Christian Ilgenfritz, of the state of Pennsylvania, which was received, and read, praying to be confirmed in his title to certain lands, granted to him by the king of Great Britain, in consideration of services rendered to the American colonies, as a fife major, during the war between France and Great Britain, which commenced in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Clinton presented to the House, two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the city of New-York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the port and harbor of New-York may be placed in an adequate state of defence and security.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on the third instant, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the further protection of our ports, towns and rivers."

Mr. Holmes presented to the House, two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the county of Augusta, in the state of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which were received, and read, praying that the mail which passes on the back road from Staunton,

through Middlebrook to Lexington, may, in future, be carried on the great south western road, through Greenville and Fairfield, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On a motion of Mr. Crowninshield, and seconded, Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting buoys and beacons on or near the rocks and shoals in the passages leading to Salem harbor, in the state of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Peter and others, proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington, presented to this House, on the fourteenth of March last, be referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. Van Rensselaer; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Benjamin Sadler, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Darby, from the committee appointed on the eighth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist church, in the city of Washington, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision for the sale of the sections heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of Jonathan Snowden, presented to this House, on the nineteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate, appointing a committee, jointly with a committee to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, for the purposes expressed in the "Act making a further appropriation for the support of a library."

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution; and that Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, and Mr. Dana, be appointed a committee, on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That the petition of Oliver Evans, presented to this House, on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Broom, Mr. Clopton, and Mr. Marion; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Crowninshield,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of New Bedford, presented to this House, on the sixth of March last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under

consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

And on the question, that the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again, on the said bill, It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Early, Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Van Rensselaer.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on the third instant, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to a revision and amendment of the laws for the punishment of crimes against the United States," presented, in part, and according to order, a bill to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act of Congress, of the twenty-third of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, as limits the time in which locations of Virginia military warrants shall be made.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee, appointed on the third instant, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to an invasion of our territory by the troops of Spain, and to the adoption of measures for the protection thereof," made a report thereon, in part, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 19, 1806.

Another member, to wit; Abraham Trigg, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Clinton,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Clason, presented to this House, on the sixteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Irish, presented to this House, on the thirteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and continue in force an act, intituled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of William M'Carty, presented to this House, on the eighth instant, and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Wickes,

Ordered, That the petition of Ann Ledyard, presented to this House, on the nineteenth of December,

one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the committee appointed on the eleventh instant, "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, which, in reason and justice, ought to be provided for by law.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Early, from the committee to whom was yesterday recommitted, the bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, reported an amendatory bill, with the same title, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," and in addition to the same; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again;

And on the question, that the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again, on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded, to amend the bill by adding to the end thereof the following sections:

"Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That if upon due examination made according to the provisions of this act, and of the act hereby revived and made permanent, it shall be proven to the satisfaction of the magistrate before whom the examination shall have been had, that at any election by ballot for any member or members of the House of Representatives, any person or persons shall have voted who may not at the time of such election be legally entitled to vote, the person or persons so having voted shall be examined upon oath or affirmation touching the candidate or candidates for whom they may have voted. And the said magistrate shall have like powers to summon and compel such person or persons so voting as aforesaid, to attend, as are provided by the act revived and made permanent by this act, and under like penalties, and with like allowances for attendance and travelling as other witnesses. And it shall be the duty of the said magistrate to reduce the examination of the person or persons so illegally voting, to writing; and to transmit it duly certified with the other testimony touching the case, to the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, for the time being. And if any such person or any other witness summoned to attend as aforesaid, shall refuse to answer, such person or witness so refusing, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered in like manner as other penalties or fines imposed by the aforesaid act.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That no testimony or examination taken in pursuance of any of the provisions of this act, or of the act revived and made permanent by this act, shall ever be given as evidence in any court of law or equity, in support of any action of debt, damage or trespass, or in any criminal prosecution against any person or persons so examined, excepting in actions of debt for the recovery of fines and penalties imposed by this and the aforesaid act."

Ordered, That the said motion, together with the bill, be committed to Mr. Bidwell, Mr. Halsey, Mr.

Samuel Smith, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Roger Nelson, and Mr. Mac Farland.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the eleventh and seventeenth instant, the petitions of Charles Garts, and others, and Edward Pennington, and others, sugar refiners in the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

On a motion of Mr. Crowninshield, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is expedient to reduce the duties on foreign refined sugar and sugar candy, imported into the United States, from and after the day of next; and that all the disabilities at present imposed on the importation and exportation of refined sugar, be removed.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the consideration of the committee of the whole House, last appointed.

Mr. Chandler presented to the House, a petition of sundry collectors of the customs in the district of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying for an increase of their salary and commission.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dawson presented to the House, a petition of Mary Gresham, widow of Joseph Gresham, deceased, which was received, and read, praying that the widows of such soldiers as died in the service of the United States, during the revolutionary war, may be placed on the list of invalid pensioners, with those who received known wounds, during the said war; or that such other relief may be afforded to her, in consideration of services rendered to the United States, by her deceased husband, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, in the state of Maryland, and of the counties of Cumberland and Adams, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of a post route from Fredericktown, in the state of Maryland, through Creagerstown and Emitsburg to Gettysburg, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas M. Randolph have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for ten days, from Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to change the name of the district of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, December 22, 1806.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of George Little, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Clinton presented to the House, several petitions of sundry inhabitants of the city of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which were received, and read, praying that the city and harbor of New York may be put into an adequate state of defence and security.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on the third instant, to whom was referred so much of the President's message, as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the farther protection of our ports, towns and rivers."

Mr. Varnum presented to the House, a petition of the warriors of the Wyandot tribe of Indians, situated on the upper and lower Sanduskies, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the relinquishment, by the United States, of the whole of that tract of land called the reserve, at the foot of the rapids, on the lower Sandusky, for the purpose of cultivation, and for the support of a missionary to the said tribe of Indians.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Smilie presented to the House, a petition of Charles Minifie, of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, which was received, and read, praying that his account against the United States, for ship timber furnished the Navy Department in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, may be audited and finally settled.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tenney, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route between the towns of Newburyport, in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Exeter, in the state of New Hampshire, by the way of Kensington.

On motion of Mr. Marmaduke Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extending the power of granting injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Marmaduke Williams, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Sandford, Mr. Masters, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Fisk.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Champaign county, in the state of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that they may be permitted to purchase the tracts of land, which they have respectively settled and improved, at the price of two dollars per acre.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, the petition of John Tozer, made a report thereon, which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That John Tozer have leave to withdraw his petition, and the papers accompanying the same.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the petition of Mary Sheffield, presented to this House, on the twenty-third of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Alston, from the committee, appointed on the third instant, on so much of the President's message as relates "to the farther exploring of the western waters," made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Mr. Clinton presented to the House, a petition of the president and directors of the Manhattan company,

of the city of New York, which was received, and read, stating that the act of Congress directing the custom house bonds of that and other principal commercial cities to be exclusively deposited in the bank of the United States, and its offices, for collection, operates very injuriously to their institution, and praying that the benefits of the said deposits may be extended to banks other than those of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Clinton, Mr. Crowninshield, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Eppes, Mr. Bedinger, Mr. Dana, Mr. Wynns, Mr. Tenney, and Mr. David R. Williams; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charlestown, in the state of Virginia, presented to this House, on the thirtieth of January last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, on the nineteenth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled "An act to suspend the operation of an act, intituled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise,' and to remit the penalties incurred under the same."

On motion of Mr. Bard,

Ordered, That the petition of Oliver Pollock, presented to this House, on the seventh day of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to change the name of the district of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary, be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented to the House, a petition of the president, directors and company of the High-

land turnpike, in the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying the aid of Congress to enable the said company to complete the turnpike road from Kingsbridge, on the east side of Hudson river, across the Highlands to the city of Hudson, in the said state of New York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Southard, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Trigg, and Mr. Rhea, (of Tennessee,) that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of Stephen Sayre, presented to this House, on the sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill supplementary to the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. John Randolph,

Ordered, That the representation of George Gilpin and William H. Dorsey, judges of the orphans' court of the counties of Alexandria and Washington, in the district of Columbia, presented to this House, on the seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Covington, and Mr. Porter; that they do examine the mat-

ter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Charles Bruce, of the state of South Carolina, complaining of the official conduct of the Post-master-general, and of a member of this House, which was read : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said letter, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee on Post office and Post-roads ;

It passed in the negative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 23, 1806.

Another member, to wit ; Edwin Gray, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the amount of deposits of the public money, in the United States' and other banks; for the last three years ; together with a table shewing the balances in favor of the United States, remaining in the said banks, respectively, for that period, distinguishing the amount in each year, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed yesterday, on the petition of the president and directors of the Manhattan company, of the city of New York.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing the report & transcripts of decisions made by the commissioners appointed to examine the claims to land in the district of Vincennes, in conformity with the several acts making provision for the disposal of the public lands

in the Indiana territory, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

"To the House of Representatives of the United States.

I now lay before you accounts of the sums which have been expended by the United States on the capitol, the President's house, the public offices, the navy yard, and the marine barracks, respectively, and the amount expended on other objects of public expense within the city of Washington, as requested by your resolution of the fifteenth instant.

TH: JEFFERSON.

December 23, 1806.

The said message was read, and together with the documents accompanying the same, ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion of Mr. Elliot, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision, by law, for the farther and more effectual protection of the commerce, the seamen, the harbours, the coasts, and the frontiers of the United States.

2. Resolved, That for the great purposes of national protection and defence, it is expedient to provide, by law, for repairing, manning, and supporting in actual service, the whole of the frigates and smaller vessels of war, belonging to the United States.

3. Resolved, That it is expedient to provide, by law, for defraying the expense incident to building two new frigates, to supply the places of the Philadelphia, which was lost during the late war with Tripoli, and the General Green, which has been condemned as unfit for service.

4. Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for preparing two or more navy yards, and navy arsenals, situated on or near the margin of the ocean, for the reception of ships and vessels of war, and for other naval purposes.

5. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what provision it may be necessary to make, by law, in relation to the location, establishment, and superintendence of navy yards, and naval arsenals; and that the said committee report by bill, or otherwise.

6. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what farther measures are necessary for the protection of American seamen, and for their release and indemnification, when impressed into foreign service by the officers or subjects of foreign powers; and that the said committee report by bill, or otherwise.

7. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the situation of the fortifications of the ports and harbours of the United States; into the practicability and propriety of a general system of fortification, and the expense with which it would be attended; and also, into the best method of fortifying the port of New York, and the other principal ports which are now in a defenceless state; and that the said committee report a statement of facts, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

8. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of investing the President of the United States, by law, with ample powers to cause every aggression and attack upon the rights, the honor, and the interest of the United States, which may be committed or commenced by the officers, citizens, or subjects of any foreign power, within the ports or harbours of the United States, within the waters under their jurisdiction, and upon the high seas within certain distances of the coast, to be immediately repelled, and effectually chastised; and that the said committee report by bill, or otherwise.

9. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the existing laws respecting the militia; to devise means for completely arming and equipping for actual service, and for more effectually organizing and disciplining the whole of the militia of the United States, in order to render it an efficient force for the protection of the United States from invasion by any foreign power; and that the said committee report by bill, or otherwise.

A motion was made and seconded, that the said resolutions be committed to a committee of the whole House, on the state of the union;

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said resolutions do lie on the table.

Another message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the nineteenth instant, approve and sign an inrolled bill, intituled "An act to suspend the operation of an act, intituled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise,' and to remit the penalties incurred under the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith,

Mr. Dawson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the seventeenth instant, the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Alexandria and Washington, in the district of Columbia, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Magruder, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the discharge of William Hearn from his imprisonment, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Dana presented to the House, a petition of David Baldwin, of the state of Connecticut, which was received, and read, praying that compensation may be allowed to him for services rendered to the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred, as surveyor of the revenue for the fifty-fifth assessment district of Connecticut, the same having been refused to him by the supervisor of the said district.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the petition of Peter Hartman, presented to this House, on the twenty-first of February last, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight

hundred and seven, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. John Randolph, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 24, 1806.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements of the importations in American and foreign vessels, commencing the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and four, and ending the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and five, in pursuance of a resolution of the House, of the twenty-ninth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That Mr. Crowninshield have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for thirty days, from to-day.

Mr. Stanton presented to the House, a petition of Benoni Simmons, of the state of Rhode Island, which

was received, and read, stating that in the transfer of his name from the pension list of the state of Massachusetts, to that of the state of Rhode Island, an error was committed, by which he is deprived of a part of his pay from the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, and praying that such relief may be afforded him in the premises, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of William Law, of the state of Maryland, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered to the United States, as a soldier in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Venango and Warren, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the present establishment of the post route from Pittsburgh to Erie, may be changed so as to pass through the towns of Franklin and Meadville, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Wickes presented to the House, a petition of John H. Sickels, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, appointed a general committee by the republicans of the city and county of New York, which was received, and read, praying that the port and harbor of New York may be placed in a state of permanent and adequate defence.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the third instant, on so much of the message of the President of the United States,

as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the farther protection of our ports, towns and rivers."

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on the eighteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington, to have the same subdivided and admitted to record, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Goodwyn presented to the House, a petition of John and William Bell, of Petersburg, in the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying to be relieved from the amount of a judgment obtained against them by the United States, as sureties for a certain Hillary Langlois, of the island of Guernsey, being for the exportation of ten pipes and two hogsheads of Madeira wine, intituled to drawback, they having procured, since the judgment was obtained against them, the necessary certificates to prove the landing of the said wines without the limits of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Claiborne,

Ordered, That the petition of Amy Dardin, presented to this House, on the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the committee, appointed on the eleventh instant, "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States, are barred by the statutes of limitation, which, in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee, to whom was referred,

on the third instant, so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the invasion of our territories by the troops of Spain, and to the adoption of measures for the protection thereof;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the two resolutions therein contained, which were again read at the Clerk's table, and are as follow :

"1. Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, to fortify and defend such position on the Mississippi, below the city of New Orleans, as the President of the United States shall designate, for the protection of that city; and that further provision ought to be made, by law, for guarding the approaches to the same from the east.

2. Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to accept of any company or companies of volunteers, either of artillery, cavalry, or infantry, who may associate and offer themselves for the service, (not exceeding thirty thousand men,) who shall be clothed and furnished with horses, at their own expense, and armed and equipped at the expense of the United States, except such of them as may choose to furnish their own arms, and whose commissioned officers shall be appointed by the respective state and territorial authorities; who shall be liable to be called upon to do military duty at any time the President shall judge proper, within two years after he shall accept the same; and when called into actual service, and whilst remaining in the same, shall be under the same rules and regulations, and be entitled to the same pay, rations, forage, and allowance for clothing, with the regular troops of the United States."

And on the question, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in their agreement to the first of the said resolutions,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Bidwell, and seconded, to amend the second of the said resolutions by striking out the words "*whose commissioned officers shall be appointed by the respective state and territorial authorities,*" and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "*who shall be commanded by such officers of the militia of the states, or territories to which such companies may respectively belong, or shall be designated by the executive authority of each state or territory.*"

On which motion a division of the question was called for ;

And on the question, that the words proposed to be stricken out remain part of the resolution,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And so the said motion to amend was rejected.

Resolved, That this House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in their agreement to the said second resolution.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions ; and that Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Sandford, Mr. George W. Campbell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Butler, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom it was referred, to examine the certificates of election, or other credentials of members returned to serve in this House, made a report, in part, thereon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth :

"It appears to the satisfaction of your committee, upon examination, that the credentials of the following members are sufficient to intitle them to their seats in this House, to wit :

From CONNECTICUT,	
To serve as a member in place	} Theodore Dwight.
of John C. Smith, resigned,	
From PENNSYLVANIA.	
To serve as a member in place	} John Porter.
of Michael Leib, resigned,	

From MARYLAND,
To serve as a member in place
of Joseph H. Nicholson, re- } Edward Lloyd.
signed,

From VIRGINIA,
To serve as a member in place
of Christopher Clark, re- } William A. Burwell.
signed,

Delegate to serve in this House } Daniel Clark."
for the territory of Orleans,

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes presented to the House, a petition of Isaiah Corbin, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and wounds received in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Nelson presented to the House, a petition of Richard Oldham, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, as a soldier in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Van Cortlandt,

Ordered, That the petition of Moses Young, presented to this House, on the twenty-sixth of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Friday next,

And then the House adjourned until Friday morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 26, 1806.

Another member, to wit; Matthew Clay, from Virginia, appeared, and took his seat in the House; and

another new member, to wit; Dennis Smelt, from Georgia, returned to serve in this House, as a member for the said state, in the room of Joseph Bryan, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Elliot, one of the members from the state of Vermont, presented to the House, certain proceedings, and a resolution of the legislature of the said state, concurring with the resolutions of the state of Kentucky, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, "*for confining the judiciary power of the courts of the United States, to cases in law and equity, arising under the constitution and laws of the United States, and treaties made, or which shall be made under their authority; cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers, and consuls; cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; controversies to which the United States shall be a party, and to controversies between two or more states,*" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dawson presented to the House, a petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the towns of Fredericksburg and Falmouth, in the state of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the port of entry may be removed from Tappahannock, to the town of Fredericksburg, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Marion presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying relief for depredations committed on the ships and other vessels with their cargoes, being the property of the petitioners, while in the pursuit of their lawful commerce,

by the privateers and vessels of war of the French republic.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Marion, Mr. Eppes, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Cutts, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Blount, Mr. Findley, and Mr. Tenney; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Clark, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Post-office and Post-roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail between the Balize and city of New Orleans, and between the city of New Orleans and Natchitoches by way of the Atacapas, Apelousas, and Rapides, and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, the number and state of the frigates, and such other information, touching this subject, as may be in his possession.

Ordered, That Mr. Newton and Mr. Smilie, be appointed a committee to present to the President of the United States the foregoing resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

And on the question, that the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Ely, Mr. Sloan,

Mr. Thomas W. Thompson, Mr. Roger Nelson, and Mr. Dana.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, on Monday next.

Mr. Findley presented to the House, a petition of Montgomery Montour, a chief of the Delaware tribe of Indians, in behalf of himself and other chiefs of the said tribe, which was received, and read, stating that at a treaty held by the commissioners of the United States, and the Delawares, Pattawatimies, Miamies, &c. and approved of by the President of the United States, on the twenty-fourth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, an imposition was practised upon the said commissioners in signing the names of the chiefs of his nation, who were not present at the said treaty, whereby the Delaware tribe have been unjustly deprived of their lands, and the improvements thereon; and praying that Congress will direct a survey of land to be made, including the lower town of the said tribe, on the Sandusky, with all their improvements, to be secured to the present inhabitants of their two towns, and their heirs, forever.

Mr. Lattimore presented to the House, a petition of Samuel Mims, of Washington county, in the Mississippi territory, which was received, and read, pray-

ing that his claim to certain lands in the said territory, may be examined, and his title therein confirmed by law.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, December 29, 1806.

Several other members, to wit; from Massachusetts, Phaniel Bishop; from New York, Gurdon S. Mumford, and Nathan Williams; from New Jersey, William Helms; from Kentucky, John Fowler; and the delegate from the Indiana territory, Benjamin Parke, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Philip R. Thompson have leave to be absent from the service of this House, until Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, do lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, intituled "An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 30, 1806.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed on Post-office and Post-roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, in the state of Vermont, a post road from Windsor through the towns of Hartland, Hartford, Royalton, Tunbridge, Chelsea, Vershire, to Corinth, and to discontinue the one now established from Royalton to said Corinth: also, to establish a post road from James Whitlows, esquire, in Ryegate, through the towns of Ryegate, Barnet, St. Johnsbury, to Lyndon: also, a post road beginning at St. Johnsbury plain, and from thence through said St. Johnsbury, and either the town of Concord, or Waterford, in said Vermont, and through Littleton,

Beulahem, Britainwoods, Nash and Hart's location, to Rosebrooks, at the notch of the White Hills, in New Hampshire ; and that the committee report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Bidwell, from the committee, to whom was recommitted, on the nineteenth instant, the bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," and in addition to the same, made a report thereon, which was read, and together with the bill, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were directed, by a resolution of the House, of the eighteenth instant, "to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act of Congress, of the twenty-fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, as limits the time in which locations of Virginia military warrants shall be made," made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Lewis presented to the House, a petition of Daniel Gilder, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered as a soldier in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Chandler presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the district of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that a cross post route may be established from Winslow, through Clinton to Fairfax.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of Bushrod Washington and Lawrence Lewis, acting executors of general George Washington, presented to this House, on the fourteenth of March last, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That Mr. Goodwyn have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for nine days, from to-day.

On a motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That for the encouragement and security of seamen of the United States, it is expedient to make provision, that registered ships or vessels which may be employed in voyages to foreign ports, after the day of next, shall not continue to enjoy the privileges appertaining to ships or vessels of the United States, unless some proportion of the mariners on board the same, shall be citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House, on Monday se'ennight.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on

the report of the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of George Little; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dawson reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution therein contained, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again read, as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of George Little is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

And on the question, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in their agreement to the said resolution,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 67.
Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Burwell Bassett,
Silas Betton,
James M. Broom,
John Boyle,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Theodore Dwight,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
William Ely,
John Fowler,

Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,

Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas W. Thompson,

Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
George M. Bedinger,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Edwin Gray,

Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
James Holland,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Patrick Magruder,
Josiah Masters,
David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
Gideon Olin,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Newton, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States, the resolution agreed to on the twenty-sixth instant, reported, that the committee had, according to order, performed

that service, and that the President signified to them that he would communicate to this House, the information requested in the said resolution, as early as possible.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the twenty-third instant, the report of a select committee on the petition of the inhabitants of the counties of Alexandria and Washington, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

The resolution therein contained, being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the prayer of the said memorial is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Dawson, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Verplanck, and Mr. Cutts, do prepare and bring in the same.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Stephen Kingston, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Stanford,

Ordered, That the petition of John Medearis, presented to this House, on the ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the committee appointed on the eleventh instant, to inquire "whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of

limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 31, 1806.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report and statement in relation to the direct tax, specifying the quotas assigned to each state, and the arrears of the individual states; prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the eighteenth instant, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Masters presented to the House, a petition of Daniel Cotton, of the city of New York, which was received, and read, praying indemnification for losses sustained, in consequence of the seizure and detention of the ship *Ann Maria*, the property of the petitioner, by the bey of Tunis, while under charter party to the United States, the said bey claiming a right so to do in virtue of the twelfth article of the treaty subsisting between the United States and the said bey.

Mr. Clinton presented to the House, a petition of Mary Tapp, of the city of New York, which was received, and read, praying that the commutation of pay due to her late husband, William Tapp, for services rendered to the United States, as a lieutenant, during the revolutionary war, may be allowed to the petitioner, for the support of herself and children.

Mr. Newton presented to the House, a petition of Elizabeth Williams, of the town of Portsmouth, in the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of her great loss sustained by the death of her late husband, Charles Williams, who was killed by the fall of a pair of sheers, at

the city of Washington, while employed in the service of the United States, on the eighteenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and four.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bidwell presented to the House, a petition of Reuben Alley, of the state of Massachusetts, which was received, and read, praying to be allowed the amount of drawback and bounty, due to him for vessels of twenty tons and upwards, licensed and employed in the bank and cod fishery, which has been refused to him by the collector of the district of Salem and Beverly.

Mr. Mumford presented to the House, a petition of the president and directors of the Rensselaer glass factory, in the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying that an additional duty may be laid upon foreign manufactured glass, imported into the United States.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented to the House, a petition of the proprietors of a window glass manufactory, in the state of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect, which was received, and read.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth instant, the

petition of William M'Carty, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the memorial of William M'Carty ought not to be granted.

Mr. Clinton presented to the House, several petitions of the inhabitants of the city of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which were received, and read, praying that the port and harbor of New York may be placed in an adequate state of defence and security.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on the third instant, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the further protection of our ports, towns and rivers."

Mr. Cook presented to the House, a petition of Samuel Tucker, of the district of Maine, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered, as an officer in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the eleventh instant, "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States, are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of William Barton, presented to this House, on the twentieth of February last, and that the said petition be referred to the committee last mentioned.

Mr. Holmes presented to the House, several petitions of sundry merchants, farmers, and masters and owners of vessels, in the district of Nanjemoy, in the state of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which were received, and read, in opposition to the prayer of the petitions for the removal of the port of entry from Nanjemoy to the river St. Mary.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixteenth instant, the bill to change the name of the district of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, reported by the committee of the whole House, on the twenty-ninth instant, to the bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven: Whereupon,

The first amendment being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following:

"Sec. 1, line 7. Strike out from the word "*slave*" to the end of the section, the following words:

"And if any person or persons shall, after the said thirty-first day of December, transport or bring, or cause to be transported or brought into the United States, or the territories thereof, any negro, mulatto, or person of colour, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, every person or persons so offending shall be guilty of felony; and being thereof convicted before any court of the United States, having competent jurisdiction, shall suffer death;" and in lieu thereof insert,

"And if any person or persons shall, after the said thirty-first day of December, transport or bring, or cause to be transported or brought into the United States, or the territories thereof, any negro, mulatto, or person of colour, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, every person or persons so offending, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and being thereof convicted before any court having competent jurisdiction, shall suffer imprisonment not more than ten, nor less than five years."

The question was stated, "that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in their said amendment."

On which a division of the said question was called for;

And on the question, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in so much of

their said amendment as proposes to strike out the words *first* before recited,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 63.
Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
John Archer,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Silas Betton,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Ezra Darby,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
James Fisk,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
Edward Lloyd,

Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford.
Thomas Newton, junior,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sandford,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
Samuel Taggart,
Samuel Tenney,
Uri Tracy,
Abram Trigg,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Nathan Williams,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynna.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,

George M. Bedinger,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,

Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
William Ely,
John W. Fippes,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
Seth Hastings,
David Hough,
John Lambert,
Duncan Mac Farland,

Josiah Masters,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Russell,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams, and
Alexander Wilson.

And then the question being taken, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in such other part of their said amendment as proposes to insert the words *last* before recited,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments to the second and third sections of the said bill, were again severally twice read, and on the question thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the amendments to the said bill, be postponed until Friday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven." And then he withdrew.

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth instant, the petition of Anthony Benezet and others, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of George Little, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Friday next,

And then the House adjourned until Friday morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 2, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing the transcript of decisions, and the report on rejected claims, made by the commissioners appointed to examine the claims to land in the district of Detroit; in conformity with the several acts making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the territories of Indiana and Michigan, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Elliot, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what amendments and alterations are necessary in the several laws relating to the organization, powers and duties of the judicial courts of the United States; and that the said committee report thereon by bill or otherwise.

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Elliot, Mr. George W. Campbell, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Smelt,

Mr. Boyle, Mr. Dwight, Mr. Matthew Clay, Mr. Broom, and Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. Jackson presented to the House, a petition of John Boorhem, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and bodily hardships sustained, while a soldier in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Boyle presented to the House, a petition of Elijah Bledsoe, of the state of Kentucky, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the campaign against the northern Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry British merchants, and others, subjects of his Britannic majesty, presented to this House, on the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to Mr. Clopton, Mr. Nathan Williams, Mr. Helms, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Fowler; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Mumford presented to the House, a petition of David Gelston, collector of the customs of the district of New York, which was received, and read, praying to be reimbursed in the amount of damages and costs sustained by him in attempting to detect, by judicial prosecutions, frauds committed in obtaining from his office, contrary to the laws of the United States, registers for vessels owned wholly or in part by the subjects of his Britannic majesty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Southard presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto

subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that a law may be passed, authorizing the cultivation of the public ground in the said city, by the inhabitants thereof, upon such terms, and under such regulations as Congress may deem just and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Southard, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Covington; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Darby,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Smith, presented to this House, on the thirteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Chittenden presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Waterbury corners through Stowe and Morris-town to Nathaniel P. Sawyers, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Tenney, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the journal of the last session, and report therefrom such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a report, in part, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee, to whom was recommitted, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the bill providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, made a report thereon, which was read, and together with the bill, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether prosecutions at common law should

be sustained in the courts of the United States for libellous publications, or defamatory words, touching persons holding offices or places of trust, under the United States; and whether it would not be proper, if the same be sustained, to allow to the parties prosecuted, the liberty of giving the truth in evidence; and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Joseph Clay, from the committee appointed on the eleventh ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for the encouragement of learning, and for the promotion of the useful arts, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined an inrolled bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what further provision ought to be made, by law, prescribing the manner in which the public acts, records and judicial proceedings of one state shall be proved and given in evidence in another state, and the effect thereof; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bidwell, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Elmer, Mr. Eppes, Mr. Thomas W. Thompson, and Mr. Sandford.

On motion of Mr. Roger Nelson,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, of the fifteenth ultimo, communicating a report of the surveyor of the public buildings, at the city of Washington, on the subject of the said buildings, be referred to Mr. Roger Nelson, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Findley.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what compensation ought to be made to Messrs. Lewis and Clarke, and their brave companions, for their late service in exploring the western waters ; and to report by bill or otherwise ;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Alston, Mr. Barker, Mr. Blake, Mr. John Whitehill, and Mr. John Morrow.

On motion of Mr. Thomas W. Thompson, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing post roads from the academy, in Gilmantown, in the state of New Hampshire, through Loudon, Concord, and Hopkinton to Walpole, in said state : from Concord through Hopkinton to Amherst, in said state : and from Portsmouth over the first and fourth turnpike roads, through Concord to Hanover, in the same state.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of Anthony Benezet, and others ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

“Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Anthony Benezet and others, is reasonable and ought to be granted.”

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, January 5, 1807.

Another member, to wit; Matthew Walton, from Kentucky, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his general accounts of receipts and expenditures; as also his accounts for the War and Navy departments, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and five, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and six, inclusive, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, the petition of Jacob Ritter, junior, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered:

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Jacob Ritter, junior, ought not to be granted.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

“To the House of Representatives of the United States,

In compliance with the request of the House of Representatives, communicated in their resolution of the twenty-sixth of December, I now lay before them a report of the Secretary of the Navy, on the state of

the frigates, supplementary to his former report of January twenty-eighth of the last year, communicated to the House of Representatives.

TH: JEFFERSON."

January 5, 1807.

The said message was read, and together with the documents accompanying the same, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Van Cortlandt, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, the petition of the president, directors and company of the Highland turnpike, of the state of New York, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Roger Nelson, and seconded, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations ought to be made in the militia laws of the district of Columbia, with leave to report by bill or otherwise;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Roger Nelson, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I transmit to each House of Congress, a copy of the laws of the territory of Michigan, passed by the governor and judges of the territory, during the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

TH: JEFFERSON."

January 5, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the laws transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Quincy presented to the House, a petition of Edward Weld, of Boston, in the state of Massachusetts, which was received, and read, praying to be permitted to fund the amount of a certificate for one hundred dollars of the eight per cent. loan of the United States, which he lost on the fourth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; or that the same may be repaid to him, with interest, agreeably to the provisions of the act constituting said loan.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Parke presented to the House, a petition of William Henry Harrison, governor of the Indiana territory, which was received, and read, praying compensation for his services in assisting to prepare the laws of the said district, previous to the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and four; and for his services as governor and superintendent of Indian affairs for the same, from that period, to the first of July following.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Mumford presented to the House, several petitions of sundry inhabitants of the city of New York, which were received, and read, praying that the port and harbor of New York may be placed in an adequate state of defence and security.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on the third ultimo, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the farther protection of our ports, towns and rivers."

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Nelson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry merchants of the town of Newburyport, in the state of Massachusetts, presented to this House, on the seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Mumford presented to the House, a petition of Isaac Clason, of the city of New York, to the same effect with a petition presented to this House, on the sixteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, which was received, and read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Marmaduke Williams, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Mr. Parke presented to the House, a petition of John Gibson, secretary of the Indiana territory, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered as secretary to the district of Louisiana, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and four, to the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tenney, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report such laws of the United States as have expired, or are near expiring, made a report, in part, thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the court house in Salem to the court house at Sandy hill, in the state of New York.

On motion of Mr. Tenney, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force, for a further term, the act, intituled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of Saint Domingo;" and that they be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Chandler presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Kennebec, in the district of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the town of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec, may be constituted a port of delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing the discharge of William Hearn from his imprisonment; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Anthony Benezet and others, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth ultimo, the petition of André Joseph Villard, together with the report of a select

committee made on the seventeenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Conrad,

Ordered, That the petition of Phebe Harper, presented to this House, on the fifth of February last, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That Mr. Garnett have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for ten days, from to-day.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, to the bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven: Whereupon,

The amendments to the fourth section, being again twice read, were, on the question thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the order of the day, for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee on the Public Lands, who were directed, on the eighteenth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act of Congress, of the twenty-third of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, as limits the time in which locations of Virginia military warrants shall be made," be postponed until Friday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of George Little; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had,

according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, together with an amendment thereto reported from the select committee on the second instant; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill, with the amendment, under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill and amendment.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 6, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the petition of Daniel Gilder, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Daniel Gilder have leave to withdraw his petition, and the papers accompanying the same.

Mr. Holmes, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth ultimo, the petition of Mary Gresham, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That Mary Gresham have leave to withdraw her petition, and documents accompanying the same.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed on the second instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President to lease the public ground in the city of Washington, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Tallmadge presented to the House, a petition of Ann Welsh, of the state of Connecticut, executrix of the last will and testament of George Hurlbut, which was received, and read, praying that she may receive the commutation of half pay, due to the decedent for services rendered as an officer in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Parke, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing an office for the sale of the lands of the United States west of the Greenville treaty boundary line, and east of the Vincennes and Delaware purchases ; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Clark, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing the post road from Athens to New Orleans, through West Florida, south of the line of

demarcation, with the consent of the Spanish government in that province; and report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, who were directed by a resolution of the House, of the sixteenth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of making provision for a survey of the coasts of the United States," presented, according to order, a bill to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Clinton presented to the House, a petition of Peter Landais, of the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying that his claim against the United States, for a share of prize money, in three vessels captured by him while commander of the frigate Alliance, during the late war with Great Britain, may be examined, and finally settled.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lewis presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Prince William and Fairfax, in the state of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post office at the town of Occoquan, in the said state.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Occoquan, in the said state, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect.

Also, a petition of Nathaniel Ellicott, of the state of Virginia, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

An engrossed bill authorizing the discharge of William Hearn from his imprisonment, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hearn from his imprisonment."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of George Little, was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 70.
 { Nays 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Silas Betton,
James M. Broom,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
George Clinton, junior,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Theodore Dwight,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
William Ely,
John Fowler,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
David Hough,

John G. Jackson,
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Martin C. Schuneman,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,

David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,

Daniel C. Verplanck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Thomas Wynna.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
George M. Bedinger,
Barnabas Bidwell,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Hamilton,

James Holland,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Patrick Magruder,
Josiah Masters,
David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sanford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of George Little."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for the

support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven :” And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Post-master general, transmitting a report of the persons employed as clerks in his office, during the year one thousand eight hundred and six, specifying the amount which they respectively receive as yearly salaries; in obedience to the act, intituled “ An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads, and for other purposes,” which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Stanton, from the committee appointed on the eleventh ultimo, “ to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States, are barred by the statutes of limitation, which, in reason and justice, ought to be provided for by law,” made a report thereon, which were read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Stonington, and of Westerly, presented to this House, on the twenty-seventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the thirty-first ultimo, the petition of Reuben Alley, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered:

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Reuben Alley, ought not to be granted.

Ordered, That Mr. Mumford be appointed of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, in the place of Mr. Crowninshield, who is absent on leave.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 7, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Beebee, of the city of New York, presented to this House, on the sixth of November, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the order of the day, for the House again to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, be postponed until to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, intituled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, to the bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven: Whereupon,

The amendments to the fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of the said bill being again severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Bidwell, further to amend the third section of the said bill, in the following paragraph, to wit: "*and such ship or vessel, if brought into any port or place within a state or territory, the constitution and laws of which permit slavery, shall, together with her cargo, tackle, apparel and furniture, be forfeited,*" by striking out from the said paragraph, the word "*cargo.*"

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39.
 { Nays 77.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

John Archer,
David Bard,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Chandler,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
Theodore Dwight,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,

Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Joseph Stanton,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Thomas W. Thompson, and
Joseph B. Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,

John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,

Levi Casey,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Claiborne,
 Joseph Clay,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Covington,
 John Davenport, junior,
 Elias Earle,
 Peter Early,
 Caleb Ellis,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John Fowler,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Silas Halsey,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford.
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,

Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Phillip R. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Phillip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Bidwell, and the question being put, further to amend the said bill, by adding to the end thereof the following proviso: "*Provided that no person shall be sold as a slave by virtue of this act.*"

It passed in the negative; the House } Yeas 60.
 being equally divided, to wit: } Nays 60.

And Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the nays.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Chandler,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
Theodore Dwight,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
Nehemiah Knight,

John Lambert,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
Jacob Richards,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Levi Casey,

John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Leonard Covington,
William Dickson,
Elias Earle,
Peter Farly,
John Fowler,
Charles Goldsborough,

Edwin Gray,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 John Randolph,

John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 John Russell,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Matthew Walton,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson, and
 Thomas Wynns.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, so much of the President's message as relates "to a suppression of the duties on salt; to a continuation of the Mediterranean fund, and to the state of our revenues," presented, according to order, a bill repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee appointed on the twenty-fourth ultimo, presented, according to

order, a bill authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies, not exceeding thirty thousand men, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 8, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the amount of duties and drawbacks on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States and exported therefrom, during the years one thousand eight hundred and three, one thousand eight hundred and four, and one thousand eight hundred and five, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, the petition of Edmund Briggs, junior, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered :

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Edmund Briggs, junior, is reasonable and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Mumford presented to the House, a petition of the mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of the city of New York, signed by Dewitt Clinton, mayor of the said city, which was received, and read, praying that

the port and harbor of New York may be placed in an adequate state of defence and security.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the third ultimo, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the farther protection of our ports, towns and rivers."

Mr. Wickes presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Sag Harbor, in the state of New-York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that a bounty on salt manufactured in America, may be granted for the encouragement of persons who have expended large sums of money in the erection of salt works, should Congress judge it expedient to annul the duties at present imposed on imported salt.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, yesterday, the bill repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers."

On motion of Mr. Elliot, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the House of Representatives, a statement of the amount of the debt of the United States, on the first day of April, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and on the first day of January in each year, since that period, respectively; also, on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and one; distinguishing the respective amounts of foreign and domestic debt, and of each species of those descriptions of the debt, and exhibiting distinct statements of the quarterly as well as annual payments, since the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and one, so far as the same may be practicable.

On motion of Mr. George W. Campbell, and seconded,

Resolved, That provision be made for carrying into effect a treaty made between the United States and the Chickasaw tribe of Indians, on the third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and five.

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a committee of the whole House, to morrow.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined an inrolled bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven," and had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, of the fifth instant, transmitting a copy of the laws of the territory of Michigan, together with the said laws, be referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. M'Creery, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Quincy, and Mr. Walton.

An engrossed bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, was read the third time.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said engrossed bill be recommitted to the consideration of a select committee,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 76.
Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
George M. Bedinger,
Barnabas Bidwell,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
John Campbell,
John Chandler,
Joseph Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
Theodore Dwight,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Charles Goldsborough,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
David Hough,
Nehemiah Knight,

John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
Jacob Richards,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
John Archer,
Burwell Bassett,
Silas Betton,
Thomas Blount.

William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
John Claiborne,

Matthew Clay,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Elias Earle,
 Peter Early,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,

David Meriwether,
 Thomas Moore,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Ordered, That Mr. Bedinger, Mr. Hough, Mr. Bidwell, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Knight, Mr. Dana, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Broom, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Eppes, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Marion, Mr. Smelt, Mr. Rhea, (of Tennessee,) and Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, be of the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of Anthony Benezet and others; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments,

When, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 9, 1807.

Another member, to wit, Matthew Lyon, from Kentucky, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Covington, from the committee, appointed on the twenty-second ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill to ascertain and provide for the salaries of the judges of the orphans' courts, in the district of Columbia, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, the petition of Mary Sheffield, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered :

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

Mr. Olin presented to the House, a petition of Richard Millen, of the state of Vermont, which was received, and read; praying relief in consideration of disabilities incurred while a soldier in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, which render him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Clopton, That the petition of John Hardyman, presented to this House, on the sixteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the consideration of a committee;

Mr. Speaker decided the said motion not to be in order; the House, on the twenty-eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, having resolved,

that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Saily presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Waterford, in the state of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a mail route from the town of Waterford to Ballston springs, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Bedinger presented to the House, a petition of Daniel Fox, of the state of Tennessee, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of disabilities incurred while a soldier in the army of the United States, during the campaign against the Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, which render him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dawson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Alexandria, in the territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that persons summoned to serve as jurors in the courts held in the said territory, may receive for their services such compensation as may be just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Holland; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Jeremiah Nelson presented to the House, a petition of Edward Toppan, William Currier, and George Jenkins, of Newburyport, in the state of Massachusetts, merchants, which was received, and read, praying that they may be allowed the drawback of the duty on a quantity of merchandise, shipped by the

petitioners to New Orleans, in the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and three; or that the amount of duty paid or secured to be paid on the said merchandise, at the port of New Orleans, may be refunded or remitted to them, for the reasons therein set forth.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House, yesterday, to the bill for the relief of Anthony Benezet and others: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, do lie on the table.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill continuing in force, for a further time, an act intituled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of Saint Domingo," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, pre-

sent to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, January 12, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanying a report of the commissioners of the fund for navy pensioners, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from Augustus B. Woodward, and others, appointed a committee by a convention of the inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, held at Detroit, on the twenty-seventh of November, one thousand eight hundred and six, transmitting an authenticated copy of the proceedings of the said convention, which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Thomas W. Thompson, and Mr. Philip R. Thompson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the sixth ultimo, several petitions of sundry merchants, traders, and farmers on the waters of Roanoke and Cashie rivers, in the district of Edenton, and state of North Carolina, together with a report thereon, made at the last session of Congress, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Early, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the thirty-first ultimo, a petition of

the president and directors of the Rensselaer glass factory, in the state of New York, and a petition of the proprietors of a window glass manufactory, in the same state, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Early, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Early, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Edmund Briggs, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Early, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, the petition of Stephen Sayre, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Mr. Lewis presented to the House, a petition of the vestry of the protestant episcopal church of the town of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia, signed by George Deneale, and others, of the said vestry, on

behalf of the said church, which was received, and read, praying that an act of incorporation may be passed vesting in the said church such powers, privileges and immunities, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper, for the benefit and advantage of the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. Lyon; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Roger Nelson, from the committee appointed on the third ultimo, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the further protection of our ports, towns and rivers," made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table, when the third section thereof being again read in the words following, to wit:

Section 3. And be it further enacted, That so much of the act, passed on the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," as is contained in the first section of the said act, be and the

same hereby is continued in force until the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer ;”

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and the question being put to strike out the said recited section,

It passed in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 21.} \\ \text{Nays 104.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Silas Betton,
James M. Broom,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Theodore Dwight,
William Ely,
Charles Goldsborough,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,

Josiah Masters,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Thomas W. Thompson, and
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
George M. Bedinger,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,

Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

David Hough,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,

Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

And the first section of the said bill being again read in the words following, to wit :

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of July next, so much of any act as lays a duty on imported salt, be and the same hereby is repealed, and from and after the day aforesaid, salt shall be imported into the United States free of duty ;"*

A motion was made by Mr. Nathan Williams, to amend the same by striking out the word "*salt*,"

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 12.
 { Nays 109.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Isaiah L. Green,
William M'Creery,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,

Thomas Sammons,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Eliphalet Wickes, and
Nathan Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Theodore Dwight,

Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,

Jonathan O. Mosely,	Richard Stanford,
Jeremiah Nelson,	Joseph Stanton,
Roger Nelson,	William Stedman,
Thomas Newton, junior,	Lewis B. Sturges,
Gideon Olin,	Samuel Taggart,
Timothy Pitken, junior,	Samuel Tenney,
John Porter,	David Thomas,
John Pugh,	Phillip R. Thompson,
John Randolph,	Thomas W. Thompson,
John Rea, (<i>Pennsylvania</i>),	Abram Trigg,
John Rhea, (<i>Tennessee</i>),	Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jacob Richards,	Joseph B. Varnum,
Thomas Sandford,	Matthew Walton,
Martin C. Schuneman,	John Whitehill,
Ebenezer Seaver,	Robert Whitehill,
James Sloan,	David R. Williams,
Dennis Smelt,	Marmaduke Williams,
John Smilie,	Alexander Wilson,
John Smith,	Joseph Winston, and
Samuel Smith,	Thomas Wynns.
Henry Southard,	

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the tenth instant, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, intitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on the thirtieth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate a company for making a turnpike road from the west end of Mason's causeway to Alexandria, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Lattimore, from the committee appointed on the ninth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing a grant of land for the use of a hospital at Natchez, allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Mr. Lloyd presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Queen Ann and Talbot, in the state of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the mail route from Easton, in Talbot county, to Centreville, in Queen Ann's county, may be so far altered as to pass through Queen's town, in the said county.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Varnum presented to the House, a representation of William Hull, governor of the territory of Michigan, which was received, and read, stating that during the last winter hostile indications appeared on the part of different nations of Indians against the settlements within the said territory, which rendered it necessary to make defensive preparations for their safety and protection, and that in so doing very considerable expenses were incurred, and praying that an appropriation may be made to defray the same.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to Mr. Varnum, Mr. Matthew Clay, and Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of the justices of the peace for Washington county,

in the district of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read; praying that a just and reasonable compensation may be allowed to them, by law, for the performance of the duties required of them as magistrates, within the said county.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the ninth instant, on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Roger Nelson,

Ordered, That the petitions of Samuel B. Beall, presented to this House, on the seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and two, and of Robert C. Stone, presented to this House, on the fourteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and five, be severally referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any, and if any, what descriptions of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, and which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 13, 1807.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of John Morrell and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, on behalf of the special jurors of the city of Philadelphia, which was received, and read, praying that they may receive compensation for their services in attending the circuit court of the United States, held at Philadelphia, for May term, one thousand eight hundred and six.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Robert Whitehill, Mr. Elmer, and Mr. Davenport; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of William Edgar and Alexander Macomb, presented to this House, on the eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Brown presented to the House, a petition of Adam Garlick, of the state of Pennsylvania, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered, as an artificer in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tenney presented to the House, two petitions of sundry inhabitants of several towns in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which were received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Newburyport, in the state of Massachusetts crossing Merrimack river, at Essex bridge, thence through the towns of Salisbury, Almsbury, South Hampton, Kingston, Brentwood, Poplin, Raymond, Deerfield, Allenstown, and Pembroke to Concord, in the state of New Hampshire.

Mr. Varnum presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Milford, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Sussex court house, in the state of New Jersey, to the town of Milford, in the said state of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Quincy presented to the House, a petition of sundry inventors of divers useful machines, and proprietors

of patents therefor, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying an extension of the patent term for such time, and under such restrictions, as to Congress may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the second instant, the bill for the encouragement of learning, and for the promotion of the useful arts.

Mr. Clinton presented to the House, a petition of James Jay, of the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying the adjustment and settlement of his claims against the United States, for monies advanced, and for services rendered, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, which were of a peculiar, secret and interesting nature.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Taggart and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Greenfield, in Massachusetts, to Wilmington, in Vermont, to pass through the town of Colrain and part of Shelburne, in Massachusetts, and Halifax and part of Whitingham, in Vermont, until it shall intersect the route already established from Brattleboro' to Bennington, in Vermont; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

An engrossed bill repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," was read the third time.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 122.
Nays 5.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Levi Casey,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Peter Farly,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,

John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,

John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
 John Rea, (*Tennessee*,)
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,

Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Isaiah L. Green,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Josiah Quincy,

Eliphalet Wickes, and
 Nathan Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage of the United States, on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and five; together with an explanatory letter to him from the Register of the Treasury thereon, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Lewis, from the committee appointed on the twelfth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the protestant episcopal church of the town of Alexandria, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House, on Friday last, to the bill providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States; and the amendments to the first, second and third sections of the said bill being again severally read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The last amendment, to add a new section to the end of the bill, being under debate,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 14, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report in relation to invalid pensioners; made in pursuance of the act of the tenth of April last, intituled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war," which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed by a resolution of the House, of the ninth instant, "to inquire into the expediency of offering for sale the public lands situate between the United States military tract and the Connecticut reserve, to which the Indian title has been extinguished," presented, according to order, a bill making provision for the disposal of the public lands situated between the United States military tract and the Connecticut reserve, and for other purposes, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Butler presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Charleston, in the said state, by Givhan's ferry, on Edisto river, and by Brewton's and the White ponds to Augusta, in the state of Georgia.

Mr. Chittenden presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post road from Windsor, through Woodstock to Middlebury, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the erection of certain light houses and the fixing of stakes, buoys and beacons at certain places therein named, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Hastings, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Worcester, through Menden, in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Providence, in the state of Rhode Island.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending to the revenue districts on lake Erie, and within the state of Ohio, the provisions of

an act, intituled "An act to extend jurisdiction in certain cases to state judges and state courts;" and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the sixth instant, the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Stonington and of Westerly, in the state of Connecticut, presented to this House, on the twenty-seventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Stonington, and of Pawcatuck, in the state of Connecticut, presented to this House, on the fifteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House, on Friday last, to the bill providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States:

Whereupon,

The amendment to add a new section to the said bill being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted, That if any person, for whose keeping of the peace and being of good behaviour a recognizance shall hereafter be entered into in pursuance of the laws of the United States, shall, during the term of such recognizance, without the limits of the United States, carry on, or aid in carrying on, or begin or set on foot, or provide or prepare the means for a military expedition or enterprize against any foreign prince or state at peace with the United States, such recognizance shall thereby be forfeited.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes to amend the said amendment by striking out therefrom the words "*laws of the United States,*" and in lieu thereof

inserting the words "*act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, passed on the fifth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four ;*"

And on the question thereupon,
It passed in the negative.

The question was then taken, that the House do agree to the said amendment for adding a new section to the end of the bill as originally proposed,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 9.
Nays 115.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Chandler,
Richard Cutts,

William Findley,
John Lambert,
Thomas M. Randolph, and
James Sloan.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Levi Casey,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,

George Clinton, junior,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,

Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 Seth Hastings,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 David Hough,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Gideon Olin,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)

Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, intituled "An act for the relief of George Little :—" And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter and report from the Secretary of State, inclosing a list of the persons employed as clerks in his office, during the year one thousand eight hundred and six, specifying the amount which they respectively receive as yearly salaries; in obedience to the "act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads, and for other purposes," which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jackson presented to the House, a petition of John Carmichael, of the state of Pennsylvania, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and wounds received, while a soldier in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, which render him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 15, 1807.

Another member, to wit: Richard Winn, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the persons employed as clerks in his office, and in the office of the Accountant of the War department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and six, specifying the amount which they respectively receive as yearly salaries; in obedience to the act of the twenty-first of April last, intituled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads; and for other purposes,"

which were read, and, together with the letter and a similar report of the Secretary of State, made yesterday, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of Jonathan Schneiffelin, of the city of New York, presented to this House, on the twenty-ninth of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies not exceeding thirty thousand men; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, supplementary to the act, intituled "An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to

order, examined an inrolled bill, intituled "An act for the relief of George Little," and had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be discharged from the farther consideration of the letter and report of the Post-master General, referred to them on the sixth instant; and that the said letter and report be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," and in addition to the same; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee, to whom was referred, on the third instant, so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to an invasion of our territory by the troops of Spain, and to the adoption of measures for the protection thereof," presented, according to order, a bill for the defence of the mouth of the Mississippi, and for the protection of New Orleans, and its dependencies, which was received, and read the first time,

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

An engrossed bill providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented to the House, a petition of John Kent Welles, of Montreal, in the province of Canada, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of the services, sufferings and sacrifices made by his late father John Welles, as a Canadian refugee who adhered to the American army, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the seventeenth ultimo, the bill supplementary to the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to continue in force for a further time, an act, intituled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of Saint Domingo;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 16, 1807.

An engrossed bill authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies not exceeding thirty thousand men, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies not exceeding thirty thousand men."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, intitled "An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States," was read the third time.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas } 112. \\ \text{Nays } 13. \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,

Barnabas Bidwell,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,

William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 George W. Campbell;
 John Campbell;
 Levi Casey,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden;
 John Claiborne,
 Joseph Clay,
 George Clinton, junior;
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Covington,
 Ezra Darby,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Theodore Dwight;
 Elias Earle,
 Peter Early,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough;
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,

David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin C. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard;
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson;
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,

Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,

Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
Silas Betton,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Caleb Ellis,
David Hough,

John G. Jackson,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Thomas Sammons,
Lewis B. Sturges, and
Benjamin Tallmadge.

Resolved, That the title be "An act supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed, by a resolution of the House, of the eighteenth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of making further provision for the sale of the sections heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress," presented, according to order, a bill making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, in the state of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from the town of Lancaster through Granville and Mount Vernon, to the town of Clinton, in the said state.

Mr. Jeremiah Nelson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Newburyport, in the

state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the turnpike road from Boston to Newburyport may be established as the mail route between the said towns.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to continue in force, for a further time, an act, intituled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of Saint Domingo;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed; and read the third time, on Monday next.

Mr. Gregg presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants, traders, storekeepers and mechanics of the county of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying a repeal of so much of the act of Congress, passed on the third of May, one thousand eight hundred and two, intituled "An act additional to, and amendatory of an act, intituled "An act concerning the district of Columbia," as prohibits the issuing of the writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum* on any judgment rendered by a single magistrate, where the amount, exclusive of costs, does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars; and also, that inferior courts may be established within the said county, to have cognizance of all debts not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Philip R. Thompson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing a grant of land for the use of a hospital at Natchez, allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to provide for the surveying of the coasts of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. John Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is requested to lay before this House, any information in possession of the executive, except such as he may deem the public welfare to require not to be disclosed, touching any illegal combination of private individuals against the peace and safety of the union, or any military expedition planned by such individuals against the territories of any power

in amity with the United States; together with the measures which the executive has pursued, and proposes to take for suppressing or defeating the same.

The said resolution was twice read at the Clerk's table, and after debate thereon, the question was stated "that the House do agree to the same."

On which a division of the said question was called for.

And on the question that the House do agree to the first member of the said resolution in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is requested to lay before this House, any information in possession of the executive, except such as he may deem the public welfare to require not to be disclosed, touching any illegal combination of private individuals against the peace and safety of the union, or any military expedition planned by such individuals against the territories of any power in amity with the United States,"

It was resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 109.} \\ \text{Nays 14.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,

Levi Casey,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
Leonard Covington,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,

Caleb Ellis,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Hamilton,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 David Lough,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Gideon Olin,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,

John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sanford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Dennis Smet,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Matthew Walton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
 Joseph Barker,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 John Chandler,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Findley,

Silas Halsey,
 James Holland,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Joseph B. Varnum, and
 John Whitehill.

The second member of the said resolution being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"Together with the measures which the executive has pursued, *and proposes to take* for suppressing or defeating the same."

A motion was made by Mr. John Randolph, and seconded, to amend the same by striking out therefrom the words "*and proposes to take.*"

And on the question so to amend,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the said second member of the resolution so amended,

And resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 67.} \\ \text{Nays 52.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
John Campbell,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
William Dickson,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Peter Farly,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,

Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M-Creery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,

Dennis Smelt,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Eliphalet Wickes, and
 David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
 Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Silas Betton,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 John Blake, junior,
 James M. Broom,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 George W. Campbell,
 Levi Casey,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Covington,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Ezra Darby,
 John Davenport, junior,
 John Dawson,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Silas Halsey,

James Holland,
 John Lambert,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Pugh,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
 Jacob Richards,
 Peter Saily,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Ordered, That Mr. John Randolph and Mr. Lloyd be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution, as agreed to, to the President of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill intituled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, January 19, 1807.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States, the resolution agreed to on Friday last, reported, that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he would cause the information requested, to be laid before the House.

Mr. Elmer presented to the House, a petition of sundry masters, owners and pilots of vessels navigating the Delaware bay, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that a light house may be erected, at the public expense, at the point next above the mouth of Cohansey creek, for the convenience and safety of the petitioners, and others, interested in the navigation of the said bay.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Garnett presented to the House, a petition of Thomas Rogers, of the state of Virginia, one of the devisees of George Rogers, deceased, who was father and only devisee of John Rogers, deceased, which was received, and read, praying to be confirmed in the title to certain lands granted by the state of Virginia, to the said John Rogers, deceased, in the year one

thousand seven hundred and eighty-six ; or that other lands of equal value may be granted to him in lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Wadsworth presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Hebron, in the district of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Minot to the said town of Hebron.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the road leading from Pittsburgh, through Steubenville and Cadiz to the toll bridge, on Will's creek, may be established a post road, and that post offices may be established at Cambridge and Cadiz, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Cutts presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants of Kennebunk and Wells, in the district of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the term of credit for the payment of duties on goods imported into the United States from the West Indies, may be extended to the same term with the duties payable on goods imported from Europe.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Quincy presented to the House, a petition of James Sullivan and others, agents for purchasers of lands under the state of Georgia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the claims of the purchasers of the said lands may be referred to the decision of the supreme judicial court of the United States ; or that provision may be made for settling the same by compromise.

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and the question being put, that the said petition be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. David R. Williams, and the question being put, that the said petition be *rejected*,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 53.
Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William Cutler,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
William Dickson,
Elias Earle,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
Edward Lloyd,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,

Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Gideon Olin,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Joseph Barker,
Barnabas Bidwell,

Phanuel Bishop,
James M. Broom,
John Campbell,

John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Ezra Darby,
 John Davenport, junior,
 Theodore Dwight,
 James Elliot,
 Caleb Ellis,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Hough,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Duncan Mac Farland,

Jeremiah Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Martin G. Schuncman,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Matthew Walton,
 Eliphalet Wickes, and
 Nathan Williams.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Quincy, and the question being put, that the said petition be referred to a select committee,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 45.
 { Nays 65.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
 Joseph Barker,
 Silas Betton,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 James M. Broom,
 John Campbell,
 John Chandler,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,

John Davenport, junior,
 Theodore Dwight,
 James Elliot,
 Caleb Ellis,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,

Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Hough,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
Martin C. Schuneman,

Joseph Stanton,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Matthew Walton, and
Nathan Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Ezra Darby,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Elias Earle,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Edward Lloyd,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,

David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Gideon Olin,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
Jacob Richards,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. John Campbell presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Calvert and St. Mary's, in the state of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the post route on the east side of the Patuxent river, may be extended from Saint Leonard's to Drum point, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post roads.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth ultimo, the petition of Jonathan Snowden, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of laying off and describing, by certain metes and bounds, a tract of country to which the Indian title hath been extinguished, within the limits of Louisiana, and to include all the settlements within the said territory; and of having the said tract of country laid off into townships and sections, half and quarter sections, agreeably to the several laws heretofore made for surveying the public lands of the United States : and also to inquire into the expediency of granting one quarter of a section to every free male white person who now resides thereon, or who will within years actually improve and reside thereon.

Ordered, That the said motion do lie on the table.

Mr. Alexander, from the committee appointed on the second instant, presented, according to order, a bill prescribing the effect of records of judgments and decrees of courts of one state in another state, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," was read the first time.

And opposition being made thereto,

The question was taken, "shall this bill be rejected,"

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 26.
Nays 95.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Barnabas Bidwell,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Elias Earle,
John W. Fries,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,

James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Meriwether,
Gideon Olin,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
Silas Betton,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
John Campbell,
John Chandler.

Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,

John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Theodore Dwight,
 Peter Early,
 James Elliot,
 Caleb Ellis,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Roger Nelson,

Thomas Newton, junior,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 James Sloan,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn, and
 Joseph Winston.

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Van Cortlandt.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 20, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Quincy, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, how far owners of ships shall be answerable for the acts of the master and mariner; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Bedinger, from the committee, to whom was recommitted, on the eighth instant, the engrossed bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, reported an amendatory bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December next, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Cook presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants of Bath, in the state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, to the same effect with the petition of sundry merchants of Kennebunk and Wells, presented to the House, yesterday.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of Saint Domingo," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled "An act to suspend the

commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of Saint Domingo."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to incorporate a company for making a turnpike road from the west end of Mason's causeway to Alexandria, be postponed until Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing the erection of certain light houses, and the fixing of stakes, buoys and beacons at certain places therein named; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing a grant of land for the use of a hospital at Natchez, allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had,

according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said amendment, together with the bill, be recommitted to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee on the Public Lands, made on the thirtieth ultimo, who were directed by a resolution of the House, of the eighteenth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act of Congress, of the twenty-third of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, as limits the time in which locations of Virginia military warrants shall be made;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That a farther time of years, from the twenty-third of March next, be allowed for locating warrants granted by the state of Virginia to her officers and soldiers upon continental establishment ;

and that a farther time of _____ years, from the said twenty-third of March next, be allowed to return surveys on said locations.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill supplementary to the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 21, 1807.

An engrossed bill authorizing the erection of certain light houses, and the fixing of stakes, buoys and beacons at certain places therein named, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act authorizing the erection of certain light houses, and the fixing of stakes, buoys and beacons at certain places therein named."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing a grant of land for the use of a hospital at Natchez, allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Porter presented to the House, a petition of John Keemle, of the state of Pennsylvania, which was received and read, praying the adjustment and settlement of his account against the United States, for supplies furnished during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of claims.

Ordered, That Mr. Dickson have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Sunday next, for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from William Henry Harrison, governor of the Indiana territory, enclosing certain resolutions passed by the legislative council and house of representatives of the said territory, relative to a suspension, for a certain period, of the sixth article of compact between the United States and the territories and states north west of the river Ohio, made on the thirteenth of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Parke, Mr. Masters, Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, Mr. Sandford, Mr. Alston, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and Mr. Trigg; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Tenney presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants and inhabitants of Portsmouth, in

the state of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the duties due to the United States on certain goods, wares and merchandise, consumed by fire in the said town of Portsmouth, on the twenty fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, may be remitted, and that the bonds given for securing the said duties may be cancelled; or such other relief afforded to them in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem reasonable and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Darby presented to the House, a petition of Simeon Drake, of Perth Amboy, in the state of New Jersey, which was received, and read, praying to be relieved from his obligation as one of the sureties of John Heard, late collector of the district of Perth Amboy, for the reasons therein stated.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. John Randolph,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, this day, the petition of sundry merchants and inhabitants of Portsmouth, in the state of New Hampshire, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and on motion of Mr. Tenney, it was ordered that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eighth ultimo, the petition of Gideon Lamson, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered :

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Gideon Lamson ought not to be granted.

Mr. Early, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of sundry merchants of Newburyport, in the state of Massachusetts, made a report thereon, which was read, and

ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be directed to inquire into the expediency of making compensation to the governor, judges and secretary of the Indiana territory, for extra services rendered by them in organizing the government of Louisiana; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebee, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the select committee, to whom were referred, on the twelfth instant, a letter from Augustus B. Woodward, and others, appointed a committee by a convention of the inhabitants of the territory of Michigan, held at Detroit on the twenty-sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and six, transmitting an authenticated copy of the proceedings of the said convention, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said letter and proceedings be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill supplementary to the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had

the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said amendments, with the bill, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 22, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, on the sixteenth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled "An act for the relief of George Little."

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the persons employed as clerks in the Treasury Department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and six; specifying the amount which they respectively receive as yearly salaries: in obedience to the act of the twenty-first of April last, intituled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads, and for other purposes," which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On a motion made and leave given by the House,

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire in the town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Lewis presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Alexandria in the district of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that an act may be passed to incorporate a company for the purpose of making a turnpike road from Bridgepoint, on Alexander's island, opposite Maryland avenue, to the north eastern corner of the alms-house lot, and from thence by a straight line to the intersection of Washington and Montgomery streets, in the town of Alexandria, and for erecting a bridge over four mile creek, upon such terms and under such restrictions as may be just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. Porter, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Van Rensselaer; that they do examine the matter thereof and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the house.

The Speaker laid before the House, a petition of Hartman Lightheiser, of the state of Pennsylvania, which was received, and read, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of disabilities received and services rendered as a soldier, from the commencement of the revolutionary war, until the reduction of the western army, which render him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House, copies of the accounts containing the respective charges which have been adjusted by the accounting officers of the Treasury, in cases of public prosecutions, before the circuit court of the United States, holden in the district of Connecticut, in the months of April and September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Varnum, from the committee appointed on the

twelfth instant, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the payment of the expense incurred by the military preparations for the defence of the territory of Michigan, against hostile Indians, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Dawson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that persons summoned to serve as jurors in the courts held in the said territory, may receive for their services such compensation as may be just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the ninth instant, on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia.

Ordered, That Mr. Marmaduke Williams have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill intitled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court, in the district of North Carolina," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of Benjamin Shultz, of the city of Philadelphia, which was received, and read, stating that he has digested a plan agreeably to which the different manufactures of this country may be encouraged with considerable facility upon an extensive scale, and praying the aid and patronage of Congress therein.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court, in the district of North Carolina," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law," made on the sixth instant; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said report.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the seventeenth instant, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, intituled "An act for the relief of George Little."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

Agreeably to the request of the House of Representatives, communicated in their resolution of the sixteenth instant, I proceed to state, under the reserve

therein expressed, information received touching an illegal combination of private individuals against the peace and safety of the union, and a military expedition planned by them against the territories of a power in amity with the United States, with the measures I have pursued for suppressing the same.

I had, for some time, been in the constant expectation of receiving such further information as would have enabled me to lay before the legislature the termination, as well as the beginning, and progress of this scene of depravity, so far as it has been acted on the Ohio and its waters. From this the state of safety of the lower country might have been estimated on probable grounds; and the delay was indulged the rather, because no circumstance had yet made it necessary to call in the aid of the legislative functions. Information, now recently communicated, has brought us nearly to the period contemplated. The mass of what I have received, in the course of these transactions, is voluminous: but little has been given under the sanction of an oath, so as to constitute formal and legal evidence. It is chiefly in the form of letters, often containing such a mixture of rumors, conjectures and suspicions, as renders it difficult to sift out the real facts, and inadvisable to hazard more than general outlines, strengthened by concurrent information, or the particular credibility of the relator. In this state of the evidence, delivered sometimes too under the restriction of private confidence, neither safety nor justice will permit the exposing names, except that of the principal actor, whose guilt is placed beyond question.

Some time in the latter part of September, I received intimations that designs were in agitation in the western country, unlawful, and unfriendly to the peace of the union; and that the prime mover in these was Aaron Burr, heretofore distinguished by the favor of his country. The grounds of these intimations being inconclusive, the objects uncertain, and the fidelity

of that country known to be firm, the only measure taken was to urge the informants to use their best endeavors to get further insight into the designs and proceedings of the suspected persons, and to communicate them to me.

It was not till the latter part of October, that the objects of the conspiracy began to be perceived; but still so blended, and involved in mystery, that nothing distinct could be singled out for pursuit. In this state of uncertainty, as to the crime contemplated, the acts done, and the legal course to be pursued, I thought it best to send to the scene, where these things were principally in transaction, a person in whose integrity, understanding and discretion, entire confidence could be reposed, with instructions to investigate the plots going on, to enter into conference (for which he had sufficient credentials) with the governors and all other officers, civil and military, and, with their aid, to do on the spot whatever should be necessary to discover the designs of the conspirators, arrest their means, bring their persons to punishment, and to call out the force of the country to suppress any unlawful enterprize, in which it should be found they were engaged. By this time it was known that many boats were under preparation, stores of provisions collecting, and an unusual number of suspicious characters in motion on the Ohio, and its waters. Besides dispatching the confidential agent to that quarter, orders were at the same time sent to the governors of the Orleans and Mississippi territories, and to the commanders of the land and naval forces there, to be on their guard against surprize, and in constant readiness to resist any enterprize which might be attempted on the vessels, posts, or other objects under their care: and on the eighth of November, instructions were forwarded to general Wilkinson, to hasten an accommodation with the Spanish commandant on the Sabine, and as soon as that was effected, to fall back with his principal force to the hither bank of the

Mississippi, for the defence of the interesting points on that river. By a letter received from that officer on the twenty-fifth of November, but dated October twenty-first, we learnt that a confidential agent of Aaron Burr, had been deputed to him, with communications, partly written in cypher, and partly oral, explaining his designs, exaggerating his resources, and making such offers of emolument and command, to engage him and the army in his unlawful enterprises as he had flattered himself would be successful. The general, with the honor of a soldier, and fidelity of a good citizen, immediately dispatched a trusty officer to me, with information of what had passed, proceeded to establish such an understanding with the Spanish commandant on the Sabine, as permitted him to withdraw his force across the Mississippi, and to enter on measures for opposing the projected enterprize,

The general's letter, which came to hand on the twenty-fifth of November, as has been mentioned, and some other information received a few days earlier, when brought together, developed Burr's general designs, different parts of which only had been revealed to different informants. It appeared that he contemplated two distinct objects, which might be carried on either jointly or separately, and either the one or the other first, as circumstances should direct. One of these was the severance of the union of these states by the Allegany mountains; the other an attack on Mexico. A third object was provided, merely ostensible, to wit, the settlement of a pretended purchase of a tract of country on the Washita, claimed by a baron Bastrop. This was to serve as the pretext for all his preparations, an allurement for such followers as really wished to acquire settlements in that country, and a cover under which to retreat in the event of a final discomfiture of both branches of his real design.

He found at once that the attachment of the western country to the present union, was not to be shaken;

that its dissolution could not be effected with the consent of its inhabitants, and that his resources were inadequate, as yet, to effect it by force. He took his course then at once, determined to seize on New Orleans, plunder the bank there, possess himself of the military and naval stores, and proceed on his expedition to Mexico; and to this object all his means and preparations were now directed. He collected from all the quarters where himself or his agents possessed influence, all the ardent, restless, desperate, and disaffected persons who were ready for any enterprize analogous to their characters. He seduced good and well meaning citizens, some by assurances that he possessed the confidence of the government, and was acting under its secret patronage; a pretence which procured some credit from the state of our differences with Spain; and others by offers of land in Bastrop's claim on the Washita.

This was the state of my information of his proceedings, about the last of November; at which time, therefore, it was first possible to take specific measures to meet them. The proclamation of November twenty seventh, two days after the receipt of general Wilkinson's information, was now issued. Orders were dispatched to every interesting point on the Ohio and Mississippi, from Pittsburg to New Orleans, for the employment of such force, either of the regulars or of the militia, and of such proceedings also of the civil authorities, as might enable them to seize on all boats and stores provided for the enterprize, to arrest the persons concerned, and to suppress effectually the further progress of the enterprize. A little before the receipt of these orders in the state of Ohio, our confidential agent, who had been diligently employed in investigating the conspiracy, had acquired sufficient information to open himself to the governor of that state, and to apply for the immediate exertion of the authority and power of the state, to crush the combination. Governor Tiffin and the legislature,

with a promptitude, an energy, and patriotic zeal, which entitle them to a distinguished place in the affection of their sister states, effected the seizure of all the boats, provisions, and other preparations within their reach ; and thus gave a first blow, materially disabling the enterprize in its outset.

In Kentucky a premature attempt to bring Burr to justice, without sufficient evidence for his conviction, had produced a popular impresssion in his favor, and a general disbelief of his guilt. This gave him an unfortunate opportunity of hastening his equipments. The arrival of the proclamation and orders, and the application and information of our confidential agent, at length awakened the authorities of that state to the truth, and then produced the same promptitude and energy of which the neighboring state had set the example. Under an act of their legislature of December twenty-third, militia was instantly ordered to different important points, and measures taken for doing whatever could yet be done. Some boats (accounts vary from five to double or treble that number) and persons (differently estimated from one to three hundred) had in the mean time passed the falls of Ohio, to rendezvous at the mouth of Cumberland, with others expected down that river.

Not apprized, till very late, that any boats were building on Cumberland, the effect of the proclamation had been trusted to for some time in the state of Tennessee ; but on the nineteenth of December similar communications and instructions, with those to the neighboring states, were dispatched by express, to the governor, and a general officer of the western division of the state ; and on the twenty-third of December, our confidential agent left Frankfort for Nashville, to put into activity, the means of that state also. But by information received yesterday, I learn that on the twenty-second of December, Mr. Burr descended the Cumberland, with two boats merely of accommodation, carrying from that state no quota

towards his unlawful enterprise. Whether after the arrival of the proclamation, of the orders, or of our agent, any exertion which could be made by that state, or the orders of the governor of Kentucky for calling out the militia at the mouth of Cumberland, would be in time to arrest these boats, and those from the falls of Ohio, is still doubtful.

On the whole, the fugitives from the Ohio, with their associates from Cumberland, or any other place in that quarter, cannot threaten serious danger to the city of New Orleans.

By the same express of December nineteenth, orders were sent to the governors of Orleans and Mississippi, supplementary to those which had been given on the twenty-fifth of November, to hold the militia of their territories in readiness to cooperate for their defence with the regular troops and armed vessels then under command of general Wilkinson. Great alarm indeed was excited at New Orleans, by the exaggerated accounts of Mr. Burr, disseminated through his emissaries, of the armies and navies he was to assemble there. General Wilkinson had arrived there himself on the twenty-fourth of November, and had immediately put into activity the resources of the place, for the purpose of its defence; and on the tenth of December, he was joined by his troops from the Sabine. Great zeal was shewn by the inhabitants generally; the merchants of the place readily agreeing to the most laudable exertions and sacrifices for manning the armed vessels with their seamen; and the other citizens manifesting unequivocal fidelity to the union, and a spirit of determined resistance to their expected assailants.

Surmises have been hazarded that this enterprise is to receive aid from certain foreign powers. But these surmises are without proof or probability. The wisdom of the measures sanctioned by Congress at its last session, has placed us in the paths of peace and justice, with the only powers with whom we had any

differences: and nothing has happened since which makes it either their interest or ours to pursue another course. No change of measures has taken place on our part: none ought to take place at this time. With the one, friendly arrangement was then proposed, and the law, deemed necessary on failure of that, was suspended to give time for a fair trial of the issue. With the same power friendly arrangement is now proceeding, under good expectations, and the same law, deemed necessary on failure of that, is still suspended to give time for a fair trial of the issue. With the other, negotiation was in like manner then preferred, and provisional measures only taken to meet the event of rupture. With the same power, negotiation is still preferred, and provisional measures only are necessary to meet the event of rupture. While therefore we do not deflect in the slightest degree from the course we then assumed, and are still pursuing, with mutual consent, to restore a good understanding, we are not to impute to them practices as irreconcilable to interest as to good faith, and changing necessarily the relations of peace and justice between us to those of war. These surmises are therefore to be imputed to the vauntings of the author of this enterprise to multiply his partisans by magnifying the belief of his prospects and support.

By letters from gen. Wilkinson, of the fourteenth and eighteenth of December, which came to hand two days after the date of the resolution of the House of Representatives, that is to say, on the morning of the eighteenth instant, I received the important affidavit, a copy of which I now communicate, with extracts of so much of the letters as comes within the scope of the resolution. By these it will be seen that of three of the principal emissaries of Mr. Burr, whom the general had caused to be apprehended, one had been liberated by habeas corpus, and two others, being those particularly employed in the endeavor to corrupt the general and army of the United States, have

been embarked by him for ports in the atlantic states, probably on the consideration that an impartial trial could not be expected, during the present agitations of New Orleans, and that that city was not as yet a safe place of confinement. As soon as these persons shall arrive, they will be delivered to the custody of the law, and left to such course of trial both as to place and process, as its functionaries may direct. The presence of the highest judicial authorities, to be assembled at this place within a few days, the means of pursuing a sounder course of proceedings here than elsewhere, and the aid of the executive means, should the judges have occasion to use them, render it equally desirable, for the criminal as for the public, that, being already removed from the place where they were apprehended, the first regular arrest should take place here, and the course of proceedings receive here its proper direction.

TH: JEFFERSON,

January 22, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the documents transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. George W. Campbell, Mr. Roger Nelson, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Bidwell.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Post-master General, accompanied with a report relative to post roads within the United States, which have not produced one third part of the expense of carrying the mail upon the said roads, during the last year, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of Edmund Briggs; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Claiborne presented to the House, a petition of the President and trustees of the Alexandria academy in the town of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia, which was received, and read, praying that all escheats arising within the jurisdiction of the court of the county of Alexandria, and all specific fines imposed by law, and not otherwise appropriated, arising within the same jurisdiction, may be applied in aid and support of the said academy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Holland, Mr. Taggart, Mr. Covington, and Mr. Bard; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on a motion of the eighth instant, making provision for carrying into effect a treaty made between the United States and the Chickasaw tribe of Indians, on the third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and five; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon,

which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That provision be made for carrying into effect a treaty made between the United States and the Chickasaw tribe of Indians, on the third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and five.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the eleventh and seventeenth ultimo, the petitions of Charles Garts and others, and Edward Pennington and others, sugar refiners in the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

And on the question, that the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the said report,

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the said report, and the resolution therein contained, being again twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Mr. Tracy presented to the House, a petition of Waterman Baldwin, of the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered as a soldier, in the army of the United States, and for sufferings sustained while a prisoner in

Canada, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lattimore presented to the House, a petition of William Coleman, of the Mississippi territory, which was received, and read, praying that the judges of the superior court of Washington district, in the said territory, may be authorized to investigate his claim to certain lands therein, and that the decision of the board of commissioners thereon, may be reversed.

Mr. Lattimore presented to the House, a petition of John Pickering, of the Mississippi territory, which was received, and read, praying to be allowed to register his certificate for a pre-emption right to a tract of land in the said territory.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 23, 1807.

Mr. Davenport presented to the House, a petition of Mary Webb, widow of Joseph Webb, deceased, of the state of Connecticut, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of hardships and sufferings sustained, since the decease of her husband, who was killed while an officer in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Norwich to Newbury,

on the west side of Connecticut river, in Vermont, and report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Alston, from the committee appointed on the second instant, presented, according to order, a bill making compensation to Messieurs Lewis and Clarke, and their companions, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, the petition of Oliver Pollock, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Varnum,

Ordered, That the letter from William Eaton to the Speaker, together with the accounts and documents accompanying the same, presented to this House, on the seventeenth of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of Waterman Baldwin, referred to them, yesterday, and that the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

On motion of Mr. Early, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the eighty-ninth section of the "act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," and extending the provisions thereof to cases of seizure, under the laws relative to the

navigation and commerce of the United States ; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Edmund Briggs was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for the relief of Edmund Briggs."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the committee appointed on the third ultimo, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the farther protection of our ports, towns and rivers ;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the two resolutions therein contained, which were again read at the Clerk's table, and are as follow :

"Resolved, That a sum of money, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, be appropriated to enable the President of the United States to cause our fortifications to be improved and repaired."

"Resolved, That a further sum of money, not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, be appropriated to enable the President of the United States to cause to be built a number of gun boats, not exceeding fifty, for the better protection of our ports,

towns and rivers : and the further sum of dollars, to enable the President of the United States to man, arm, and equip the whole or such number of gun-boats as he may think the public service may require."

And on the question, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in their agreement to the first of the said resolutions,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The second of the said resolutions being again read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Van Cortlandt, and seconded, to amend the same, by inserting after the word "*gun-boats*" in the second member thereof, the words "*and other armed vessels.*"

On which motion to amend, debate arising,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to postpone the farther consideration of the said resolution and amendment, until Monday next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, January 26, 1807.

Another new member, to wit : William W. Bibb, from Georgia, returned to serve as a member for the said state, in the place of Thomas Spalding, who hath resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill intituled "An act for the relief of Seth Harding, late a captain in the navy of the United States;" and also a

bill intituled "An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio," to which they severally desire the concurrence of this House : And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a report on the petition of James Jay, referred to him by order of the House, of the thirteenth instant, which were ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Samuel Smith, as followeth :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed by the Senate of the United States to deliver to this House, a confidential message, in writing : Whereupon,

The House being cleared of all persons except the members and the Clerk, Mr. Smith delivered to the Speaker the following communication, in writing :

"Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

The Senate have passed a bill suspending for three months, the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, in certain cases, which they think expedient to communicate to you in confidence, and to request your concurrence therein, as speedily as the emergency of the case shall in your judgment require."

Mr. Smith also delivered in the bill referred to in the said communication, and then withdrew.

The written communication from the Senate was then read at the Clerk's table.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act suspending for three months the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, in certain cases," was read the first time.

A motion was made by Mr. Philip R. Thompson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the message and bill communicated to this House, from the Senate of the United States,

and the proceedings of this House thereon, ought not to be kept secret, and that the doors of this House be now opened.

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 123.
Nays 3.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
 Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 George M. Bedinger,
 Silas Betton,
 William W. Bibb,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 Phanuel Bishop,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 James M. Broom,
 Robert Brown,
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 John Campbell,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Claiborne,
 Joseph Clay,
 Matthew Clay,
 George Clinton, junior,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Ezra Darby,
 John Davenport, junior,
 William Dickson,
 Theodore Dwight,
 Elias Earle,
 Peter Early,

James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
William Hielms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Duncan Lloyd,
Edward Mac Farland,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether.

Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Gideon Olin,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
 John Russell,
 Peter Sully,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,

Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Josiah Masters,
 David Thomas, and

Nathan Williams.

The doors of the House were accordingly opened, and Mr. Speaker stated to the House, that the bill sent from the Senate having been read the first time, the question would be "shall the said bill be read the second time?" Whereupon,

Opposition being made to the said bill, and debate arising thereon, the question, in conformity to the rules of the House, was stated by Mr. Speaker, to wit:

"Shall this bill be rejected?"

And on the question to reject,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 113.
 { Nays 19.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
William V. Bibb,
Phaenuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
Joan Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Theodore Dwight,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,

Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Lough,
John G. Jackson,
Waiter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,

Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,

Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
John Archer,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Chandler,
Richard Cutts,
Elias Earle,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
Josiah Masters,
Gurdon S. Mumford,

Gideon Olin,
Thomas Sandford,
Henry Southard,
David Thomas,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Matthew Walton,
Eliphalet Wickes, and
Nathan Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I received from general Wilkinson, on the twenty-third instant, his affidavit, charging Samuel Swartwout, Peter V. Ogden, and James Alexander, with the crimes described in the affidavit, a copy of which is now communicated to both Houses of Congress.

It was announced to me at the same time, that Swartwout and Bollman, two of the persons apprehended by him, were arrived in this city, in custody

each of a military officer. I immediately delivered to the attorney of the United States, in this district, the evidence received against them, with instructions to lay the same before the judges, and apply for their process to bring the accused to justice, and I put into his hands orders to the officers having them in custody, to deliver them to the marshal on his application.

TH: JEFFERSON."

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The said message was read, and together with the documents transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 27, 1807.

On a motion made and leave given by the House, Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee appointed on the sixteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill further supplementary to the act intituled "An act concerning the district of Columbia," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Roger Nelson, from the committee who were directed by a resolution of the House, of the fifth instant, to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations ought to be made in the militia laws of the district of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act intituled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia

of the district of Columbia," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Wadsworth presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants of Portland, in the state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the term of credit for the payment of duties on goods imported into the United States, from the West Indies, may be extended to the same term with the duties payable on goods imported from Europe.

Mr. Cook presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants and inhabitants of Wiscasset, in the district of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Stanton presented to the House, a petition of Constant Taber and Audley Clarke, of Newport, in the state of Rhode Island, executors of the last will and testament of Culeb Gardner, deceased, which was received, and read, praying that the accounting officers of the Treasury may be authorized to receive and register two loan office certificates of the debt of the United States, held by the decedent, at the time of his death, or that such other relief may be afforded them, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report prepared in obedience to "An act directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the coast of North

Carolina, between Cape Fear and Cape Hatteras, to be surveyed," which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of State, made yesterday, on the petition of James Jay, be referred to Mr. Clinton, Mr. Cook, Mr. Dana, Mr. Elliot, and Mr. Jones.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of Dennis de Cottineau, which was received, and read, praying to be allowed his share of prize money in three vessels captured by the squadron under the command of the chevalier Paul Jones, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Creery, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what amendments are necessary to the act passed on the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, "to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise."

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth instant, the petition of sundry masters, owners and pilots of vessels navigating Delaware bay, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Early, from the same committee, who were instructed by a resolution of the fourteenth instant, "to inquire into the expediency of extending to the revenue districts on lake Erie, and within the state of Ohio, the provisions of an act intituled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to state judges and state courts," made a report thereon, which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is not expedient, at this time, to extend the provisions of the act intituled "An act to

extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to state judges and state courts."

Mr. Early, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the towns of Fredericksburg and Falmouth, in the state of Virginia, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of Jonas W. Keen, and Joseph Snowden, administrators of the estate, and guardians to the children of captain George Watts, late of Philadelphia, deceased, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the foreign tonnage charged by the collector of the port of Philadelphia, on a vessel, the property of the decedent, and also the foreign duties on a cargo imported in the said vessel on freight, may be remitted to them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Lattimore presented to the House, a memorial of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Mississippi territory, which was received, and read, praying that the several acts of Congress regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States south of the state of Tennessee, may be revised and amended; that farther time may be granted on the first payment to be made for purchases of the public lands; and that the right of suffrage, in the said territory, may be extended.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Walton presented to the House, a petition of John Hopewell, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of John Latour, of the city of Philadelphia, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that he may obtain from the collector of the port of Philadelphia, a new register for an American ship called the *Columbian Packet*, the property of the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth instant, the petition of Thomas Rogers, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered :

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Boyle presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the state of Kentucky, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying compensation for damages sustained by them, respectively, from the military of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and one.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of the merchants of the city of Philadelphia, signed by William Davy, and others, a committee appointed at a general meeting of the said merchants, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, an extension of the time in which the oath shall be taken, and the bonds given, in cases of goods exported entitled to drawback ; and that the forfeitures already incurred by *accident, mistake or misfortune*, may be remitted to them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the twelfth instant, the bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of William Tatham, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, praying that the subject of a letter, addressed by him to the Speaker, on the tenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, respecting the public economy of the United States, may be taken into consideration, and acted upon by the House, during the present session.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, and Mr. Ely; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Clinton, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill incorporating an institution in the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, for the education of youth, and the promotion and diffusion of learning and science, and granting to the same certain public lots within the said city, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for carrying into effect, a treaty between the United States and Chickasaw tribe of Indians, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Varnum presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants, farmers, and masters and owners of vessels, in the district of Nanjemoy, in the state of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed,

which was received, and read, in opposition to the prayer of the petitions for the removal of the port of entry from Nanjemoy to the river St. Mary.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixteenth ultimo, the bill to change the name of the district of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary.

Ordered, That Mr. Roger Nelson have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for two weeks, from Thursday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be referred to Mr. George W. Campbell, Mr. Boyle, and Mr. Jeremiah Morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act for the relief of Seth Harding, late a captain in the navy of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Findley presented to the House, two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Indiana and Westmoreland, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which were received, and read, praying that the post route from Greensburg to Alexandria, may be changed, so as to pass through the town of Indiana, in the said state.

Mr. Nathan Williams presented to the House, two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the town of Cazenovia, in the state of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which were received, and read, praying that the "Oneida turnpike road," commencing at the town of Vernon, and ending at the said

town of Cazenovia, may, by law, be established as a post road.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the encouragement of learning, and for the promotion of the useful arts; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 28, 1807.

Mr. Stanton presented to the House, a petition of Daniel S. Dexter, of the state of Rhode Island, which was received, and read, praying to be released from the prison of Providence, in the said state, where he is confined at the suit of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill making compensation for extra services to the governor, judges and secretary of the Indiana territory, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Holmes, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, the petition of Peter Landais, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Peter Landais have leave to withdraw his memorial, and papers accompanying the same.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, inclosing copies of the accounts of expenses incurred in public prosecutions before the circuit court of the United States, for the district of Connecticut, in the months of April and September, one thousand eight hundred and six; in obedience to a resolution of the House, of the twenty-second instant, which were read, and ordered to be committed to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the second instant, a motion for the appointment of a committee "to inquire whether prosecutions at common law should be sustained in the courts of the United States for libellous publications, or defamatory words, touching persons holding offices or places of trust under the United States; and whether it would not be proper, if the same be sustained, to allow to the parties prosecuted, the liberty of giving the truth in evidence."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill intitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight," to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the twentieth instant, the amendatory bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I now render to Congress the account of the fund established for defraying the contingent expenses of government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and six. No occasion having arisen for making use of any part of the balance of eighteen thousand and twelve dollars, fifty cents, unexpended on the thirty first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, that balance remains in the treasury.

TH: JEFFERSON.

January 27, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the account therewith transmitted, ordered to lie on the table.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I communicate, for the information of Congress, the report of the director of the mint, of the operations of that establishment during the last year.

TH: JEFFERSON.

January 27, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the report therewith transmitted, ordered to lie on the table.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

By the letters of captain Bissel, who commands at fort Massac, and of Mr. Murrell, to general Jackson of Tennessee, copies of which are now communicated to Congress, it will be seen that Aaron Burr passed fort Massac on the thirty-first of December, with about ten boats navigated by about six hands each, without any military appearance; and that three boats with ammunition were said to have been arrested by the militia at Louisville.

As the guards of militia posted on various points of the Ohio, will be able to prevent any further aids passing through that channel, should any be attempted, we may now estimate with tolerable certainty the means derived from the Ohio and its waters, towards the accomplishment of the purposes of Mr. Burr.

TH: JEFFERSON.

January 28, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the documents transmitted therewith, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on the state of the union.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court in the district of North Carolina;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be read the third time, to-morrow.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the department of War, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire, in the town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Dwight have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from the sixth of February next, for the remainder of the session.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the encouragement of learning, and for the promotion of the useful arts; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. John Randolph,

Ordered, That the committee, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-second instant, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said message, together with the messages of Monday last, and of this day, be committed to a committee of the whole House, on the state of the union.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee of Claims, made on the twelfth instant, on the petition of Stephen Sayre; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution therein contained, amended to read as followeth:

Resolved, That the accounting officers of the Treasury, be directed to audit the account of Stephen Sayre, as secretary of legation to the American commission, at the court of Berlin, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and that they allow him at the rate of one thousand pounds sterling, per annum, and the compensation then usually made

for returning home, with interest on the whole sum until paid.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution.

And on the question, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House in their agreement to the said resolution, as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 29, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, (of Tennessee) and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads do inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Ash court house, in the state of North Carolina, by Elizabethton, in Carter county, to Jonesborough, in the state of Tennessee; and report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Stephen Sayre, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Findley presented to the House, a petition of the trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, signed by Joseph Nourse, and others, on behalf of the said church, which was received, and read, praying that

an act of incorporation may be passed, vesting in the said church such powers, privileges and immunities; as Congress may deem just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Barker, Mr. Winn, (of South Carolina,) Mr. Bibb, and Mr. Magruder; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Barker presented to the House, a petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of Plymouth, in the state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the port of Plymouth may be made a port of entry for vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from ports and places beyond the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Brown presented to the House, a petition of Elizabeth Brodhead, of the state of Pennsylvania, which was received, and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of services rendered to the United States, by her deceased husband, Luke Brodhead, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to whom was recommitted, on the twentieth instant, the bill to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court, in the district of North Carolina," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time.

And on the question, that the said bill, with the amendments, do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill for the relief of the sufferers by fire in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for the relief of the sufferers by fire in Portsmouth, New Hampshire."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. John Randolph, from the committee, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill and report be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire what description of claims are barred by the statutes of limitation, which ought to be provided for by law," be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of William Barton, presented to this House, on the twentieth of February, one thousand eight hundred

and six ; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Findley presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western country, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the act, intituled " An act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," may be suspended, until a re-examination may be had of the country between Brownsville and the Ohio ; and that the road directed to be laid out by the said act may run from Brownsville to Charlestown, on the Ohio river.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, that the said petition do lie on the table,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was made by Mr. Findley that the said petition be referred to the President of the United States.

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Varnum, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the petition of Anthony Lamarlere, of the city of Baltimore, on behalf of Ferdinand Mullenheim, a subject of his majesty the king of Denmark, presented to this House, on the twenty-fourth of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have postponed until the next session of Congress, the farther consideration of the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the district of Columbia : And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: Whereupon,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 30, 1807.

The House met pursuant to adjournment,
But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 31, 1807.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of Moses Hall, of Green county, in the state of Ohio, which was received, and read, praying that he may be allowed to purchase, at the rate of two dollars per acre, certain lands of the United States, on the south east quarter of section number twenty-nine, in the third township, and eighth range, between the Miami rivers, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Boyle presented to the House, a petition of Samuel M'Kee, of the state of Kentucky, attorney in

Act for William M'Kee and James Gilmore, late officers of the United States, in the twelfth Virginia regiment, which was received, and read, praying that further time may be allowed to the said William M'Kee and James Gilmore to locate two several tracts of land, granted to them by the state of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth instant, the bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the department of War.

On motion of Mr. John Randolph,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth instant, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation," be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of Waterman Baldwin, presented to this House, on the twenty-second instant; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Chittenden presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Rutland, in the state of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Timothy Chittenden's, in Poultney, through Castleton, Hubberton, Sudbury, Whiting and Cornwell to Middlebury, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On motion of Mr. Early,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of Benjamin Shultz, presented to this House, on the twenty-second instant; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Fowler presented to the House, a petition of Frances Bell, of Fayette county, in the state of Kentucky, relict and administratrix of John Bell, deceased, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, an extension of the term of the lease, granted to her deceased husband by the United States, for the Saline Salt works, in the Indiana territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cutts presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants of Saco and Biddeford, in the state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the term of credit for the payment of duties on goods imported into the United States from the West Indies, may be extended to the same term with the duties payable on goods imported from Europe.

Mr. Cutts presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants of the district of York, in the state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect, which was received, and read.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

An engrossed bill to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi; and to authorize the building of a custom house at New Orleans.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendment proposed by this House, to the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit court in the district of North Carolina:" The Senate have passed a bill intituled "An act to

explain the act entitled 'An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act to divide the territory of the United States north west of the river Ohio, into two separate governments,' to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate have passed the bill intituled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Sturges have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Friday next, for the remainder of the session.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

In execution of the act of the last session of Congress, entitled "An act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," I appointed Thomas Moore, of Maryland, Joseph Kerr, of Ohio, and Eli Williams, of Maryland, commissioners to lay out the said road, and to perform the other duties assigned to them by the act. The progress which they made in the execution of the work, during the last season, will appear in their report now communicated to Congress. On the receipt of it, I took measures to obtain consent for making the road, of the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, through which the commissioners proposed to lay it out. I have received acts of the legislatures of Maryland and Virginia, giving the consent desired; that of Pennsylvania has the subject still under consideration, as is supposed. Until I receive full consent to a free choice of route through the whole distance, I have thought it safest neither to accept, nor reject, finally, the partial report

of the commissioners. Some matters suggested in the report, belong exclusively to the legislature.

TH: JEFFERSON."

January 31, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the report transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House, on Thursday last, to the bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases:

Whereupon,

The said amendments being again twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table.

The question was stated, that the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time.

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, February 2, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined an inrolled bill intituled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of North Carolina," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Thomas Moore, a member of this House, for the state of South Carolina, informed the House of the death of his colleague general Levy Casey, late one of the members of the said state in this House :

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Early, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of general Levi Casey, late a representative from the state of South Carolina.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Earle, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Marion, Mr. Early, and Mr. Holland, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Early, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of general Levi Casey, late one of their body, by wearing crape on the left arm, for one month.

On motion of Mr. Holland, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will attend the funeral of the late general Levi Casey, this day, at one o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Holland, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify them of the death of general Levi Casey, late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place, this day, at one o'clock.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 3, 1807.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were directed by a resolution of the House, of the ninth of December last, "to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary

in the act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to lands within the territory of Orleans, and the district of Louisiana," presented, according to order, a bill respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Boyle, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth of December last, the petition of sundry officers who served in America, during the war between France and Great Britain, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Lattimore presented to the House, a petition of James Collingsworth, William Brown, and George Brown, of Wilkinson county, in the Mississippi territory, which was received, and read, praying to be confirmed in their respective settlements and improvements made by them on the lands of the United States, in the said territory.

Mr. Lattimore presented to the House, a petition of James Collingsworth, of Wilkinson county, and Mississippi territory, which was received, and read, stating, that he has, at a very considerable expense, erected a grist mill on a small stream of water, running through the land belonging to the United States, in the said territory, and praying that Congress will grant him as much of the said land, including that on which the mill is erected, as may secure to him the benefit of his improvements.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Porter presented to the House, a petition of William Duncan, of the county of Philadelphia, attorney of Abner L. Duncan, which was received, and

read, praying compensation for supplies furnished by the said Abner L. Duncan, to a company of militia, raised by him, for the service of the United States, in December, one thousand eight hundred and three, for the purpose of taking possession of New Orleans.

Mr. Jackson presented to the House, a petition of Peter Charles L'Enfant, of the city of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, which was received, and read, praying to be allowed a just and reasonable compensation for his services while employed under the direction of the late general George Washington, then President of the United States, in planning and surveying the city of Washington.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Early,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the farther consideration of the petitions of sundry merchants of Kennebunk and Wells, presented to this House, on the nineteenth ultimo; of sundry merchants of Bath, presented to this House, on the twentieth ultimo; of sundry merchants of Portland, and of Wiscasset, presented to this House, on the twenty-seventh ultimo; and of sundry merchants of York, presented to this House, on the thirty-first ultimo; and that the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw their petitions.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Edward Toppan, William Currier and George Jenkins, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Stanton presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants, traders and inhabitants of the west side of Naraganset bay, and of the district of Newport, in the state of Rhode Island, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that a new revenue district may be established, to include the towns of Pawcatuck, Wickford, East Greenwich, and the Fulling mills, to be designated "the district of East Greenwich," and that the said town of East Greenwich may be made the port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Wickes presented to the House, a petition of Henry P. Dering, collector of the customs of the district of Sag Harbor, in the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying an increase of the compensation allowed him by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second of December last, the petition of Charles Minifie, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, intituled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States:" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to explain the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to divide the territory of the United States, north west of the river Ohio, into two separate governments,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill intitled "An act authorizing the erection of certain light houses, and the fixing of stakes, buoys, and beacons, at certain places therein named:" And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the question stated on Saturday last, and depending at the time of adjournment, "that the bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases, be engrossed, and read the third time." Whereupon,

The House proceeded further to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table:

And the amendment to the first section of the said bill, as agreed to on Saturday last, being again read, in the words following, to wit: "lines thirteen and fourteen, strike out the words *"taken place without wilful negligence, or any intention of fraud,"* and in lieu thereof insert *"been occasioned by the prevalence of the yellow fever, within any collection district of the United States, or by any unavoidable cause which rendered the exporter unable to attend the custom house during the ten days at present allowed by law, for procuring debentures."*

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded, further to amend the said amendment by adding to the end thereof the following words, *"or by any neglect or omission of any officer of the revenue or customs;"*

And on the question so to amend,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Early and seconded, that the said bill, with the amendments thereto, be recommitted to a committee of the whole House, this day;

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made further amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table: When

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, inclosing a report on the petition of Daniel S. Dexter, referred to him by an order of the House, of the twenty-eighth ultimo, which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Stanton, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. John Whitehill.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report of the persons employed as clerks in the Navy Department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and six, specifying the amount which they respectively receive as yearly salaries: in obedience to the act of the twenty-first of April last, intituled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads; and for other purposes," which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Speaker address a letter to the executive of the state of South Carolina, communicating information of the death of Levi Casey, late a member of this House, in order that measures may be taken to supply any vacancy occasioned thereby in the representation from that state.

On motion of Mr. John Randolph,

Ordered, That the petition of John Potter, presented to this House, on the twenty-seventh of March last, be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, yesterday, the report of the Committee on the Public Lands, on the petition of sundry officers who served in the British army, in America, during the war between France and Great Britain.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Joseph Clay, from the committee, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth of December last, the petition of Elextius Spalding, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. George W. Campbell, from the committee to whom was committed on the twenty-seventh ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio," made a report thereon, which was read, and, together with the bill, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, the petition of sundry inhabitants and merchants of the port of Stonington and Groton, in the state of Rhode Island, and of sundry merchants of the port of Pawcatuck, in the said state, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Early, from the same committee, to whom was

referred, on the second ultimo, the memorial of David Gelston, collector of the customs in the city of New York, presented, according to order, a bill respecting seizures made under the authority of the United States; and for other purposes, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act for the relief of Seth Harding, late a captain in the navy of the United States;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, sent from this House, intituled "An act for the relief of the sufferers by fire, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire:" The Senate have passed a bill, intituled "An act confirming claims to land, in the district of Vincennes:" Also, a bill, intituled "An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice in the district of Columbia," to which they severally desire the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole House, made on the

twenty-third ultimo, on the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates "to the repairs of fortifications, and to the farther protection of our ports, towns, and rivers:" Whereupon,

The second resolution reported by the said committee of the whole House, being again read in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That a farther sum of money, not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, be appropriated to enable the President of the United States, to cause to be built a number of gun-boats, not exceeding fifty, for the better protection of our ports, towns and rivers; and the further sum of dollars, to enable the President of the United States to man, arm and equip, the whole, or such number of gun-boats as he may think the public service may require."

The motion then depending, to amend the said second resolution, by inserting after the words "gun-boats" in the second member thereof, the words "*and other public armed vessels*," being under consideration,

And debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Lloyd, and the question being put, that the said report of the committee of the whole House be farther postponed until Monday week,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 40.
 { Nays 76.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,

William W. Bibb,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
John Claiborne,
Frederick Conrad,

Leonard Covington,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,
Walter Jones,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Duncan Mac Farland,
David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,

Jeremiah Morrow,
Gideon Olin,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Abram Trigg,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Isaac Anderson,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Joseph Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Theodore Dwight,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
Seth Hastings,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
John G. Jackson,

Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Martin C. Schuneman,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,

Joseph B. Varnum,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Matthew Walton,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Nathan Williams, and
Thomas Wynna.

When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 5, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined an inrolled bill, intituled "An act for the relief of Seth Harding, late a captain in the navy of the United States," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Philip R. Thompson have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for one week from to-day, and Mr. Ellis, from Monday week, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was committed, on the third instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States," reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House, their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments, and the same being again severally twice

read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Lewis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the second ultimo, the message of the President of the United States, of the fifteenth of December last, communicating a report of the surveyor of the public buildings at the city of Washington, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the capitol; and for other purposes, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Robert Whitehill presented to the House, two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the townships of Tyronne and Tyboine, county of Cumberland, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which were received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Carlisle through Landisburgh, Hackets, Shower mill and Zimmerman's to Douglass' mill, in the township of Tyboine, in the said state.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Butler county, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the road leading from Pittsburgh to Harmony, may be established as a post road of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On motion of Mr. Barker, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Plymouth to Taunton,

in Massachusetts; and to report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Stanton, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be erected, in suitable places, on the margin of the ocean, at his discretion, not exceeding arsenals, and docks, for the accommodation and speedy repairing of public armed ships and vessels, that may be rendered unfit for service by gales of wind, or in action with the enemies of the United States; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution at the Clerk's table, and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of David Baldwin, presented to this House, on the twenty-third of December last; and that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Dick, William Bruce, and Asa Kitchel, presented to this House, on the sixteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole House, of the twenty-third ultimo, depending yesterday, at the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

The second resolution contained in the said report of the committee of the whole House, being again read in the words following, to wit:

The amendment then depending, further to amend the said second resolution, by inserting after the words "*gun-boats,*" the words "*and other armed vessels,*" being again read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The second amendment reported by the committee of the whole House, to fill the second blank in the said resolution, with the word "*fifty*," being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

"And the further sum of _____ dollars to enable the President of the United States to man, arm and equip, the whole or such number of gun-boats as he may think the public service may require," being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Thomas, and seconded, further to amend the said resolution, by filling up the first blank therein, with the words "*one hundred and fifty thousand.*"

On which motion to amend, debate arising,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to postpone the farther consideration of the said resolution and amendment, until Monday next.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the first of the said resolutions, as agreed to by the House, on the twenty-third ultimo, and that Mr. Thomas, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Rea, (of Pennsylvania,) Mr. Wynns, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Stanton, and Mr. Varnum, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Early, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, such information as may be in the possession of the executive department, tending to shew the efficacy of gun-boats in the protection and defence of ports and harbours, and particularly a list of such of the principal ports and harbors of the United States, as may, in his opinion, be defended, or essentially assisted in being defended by gun-boats, together with the number which may be considered necessary for each.

Ordered, That Mr. Early and Mr. Eppes be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of the commissioners of the sinking fund, accompanied with a report from the Secretary of the Treasury to the said commissioners, and sundry statements exhibiting the proceedings which have been authorized by the said board, since their report dated the fifth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 6, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, on the third instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of North Carolina," and on the fifth instant, an inrolled bill, intituled "An act for the relief of Seth Harding, late a captain in the navy of the United States."

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

The government of France having examined into the claim of M. De Beaumarchais, against the United States, and considering it as just and legal, has instructed its minister here to make representations on the subject to the government of the United States. I now lay his memoir thereon before the legislature, the only authority competent to a final decision on the same.

TH: JEFFERSON.

February 6, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the memorial transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

"I lay before Congress the laws for the government of Louisiana, passed by the governor and judges

of the Indiana territory, at their session at Vincennes, begun on the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and four.

TH: JEFFERSON.

February 6, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the laws transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth ultimo, on a message from the President of the United States, transmitting a copy of the laws of the territory of Michigan.

Mr. Findley presented to the House, a petition of John Wells, of the state of Pennsylvania, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be exonerated from the repayment of a sum of money received by him as collector of the internal revenue and direct tax, for the twenty-eighth collection district of Pennsylvania, which was forwarded by him in the mail, to the supervisor of the revenue for the said state.

Mr. Burwell presented to the House, a petition of Isaac Briggs, of the state of Maryland, which was received, and read, praying to be allowed a reasonable compensation for services performed, and expenses incurred, by the petitioner, in exploring the most direct and convenient route for a post road from the city of Washington to New Orleans.

Mr. Ely presented to the House, a petition of Jabez Bill, of the state of Massachusetts, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and sufferings and hardships sustained while a lieutenant in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Pitken be appointed of the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads, in the place of Mr. Dwight, who is absent on leave.

Mr. Early, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States, the resolution agreed to yesterday, reported, that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them, that the information requested in the said resolution, should be communicated, as early as possible.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill which originated in this House, intituled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hearn from his imprisonment," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: Also, the bill intituled "An act for the relief of Edmund Briggs," and the bill, intituled "An act supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States:'" I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States, did, on the fourth instant, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, intituled "An act to alter the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of North Carolina," and on this day, an act, which originated in the Senate, intituled "An act for the relief of Seth Harding, late a captain in the navy of the United States:" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment reported from the committee of the whole House, on Tuesday last, to the bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases: Whereupon,

The said amendment being again read at the Clerk's table, was, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, further to amend the second section of the said bill, by striking out from the word "*restrictions*," in the third line thereof, the following words: "*to direct debentures to be issued in similar cases which may have happened*"

prior to the passing of this act, and subsequent to the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, or where such application shall be made within six months from the passing thereof," and in lieu thereof inserting "receive applications for debentures in similar cases which may have happened within years prior to the passing of this act, and to report the same to the next session of Congress;" and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Early, and seconded, further to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table, by adding to the end thereof, a new section, in the words following, to wit :

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That whenever any person or persons shall apply to the Comptroller of the Treasury for relief under the first or second sections of this act, his or their petition shall be first preferred to the judge of the district from which the goods, wares and merchandise were exported, and such person shall do and perform all such things as are required by the first section of the act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties and disabilities accruing in certain cases therein mentioned," and the said judge shall proceed in like manner as is directed in the said act, to inquire into, state and transmit the facts, touching the case to the Comptroller of the Treasury, who thereupon, may grant such relief, under the conditions, limitations and restrictions of this act."

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to the farther consideration of the said bill, When

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 7, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined the following inrolled bills, to wit :

“ An act authorizing the erection of certain light houses, and the fixing of stakes, buoys and beacons, at certain places therein named,” and

“ An act for the relief of the sufferers by fire, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire,” and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Gregg,

Ordered, That the petition of James and Robert Blaine, of the state of Pennsylvania, presented to this House, on the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Smilie presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western parts of the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to Union town, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Anderson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Chester, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the road running direct from the city of Philadelphia to West Chester, in the said state, may be established as a post road of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the

expediency of establishing and maintaining an institution at Natchez, for the relief of sick and disabled boatmen, out of such funds as may be constituted by a tax upon persons employed in the navigation of the Mississippi; and that said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Chandler presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Kennebec, in the state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the term of credit for the payment of duties on goods imported into the United States from the West Indies, may be extended to the same term with the duties payable on goods imported from Europe.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed on the fifth instant, presented, according to order, a bill for fortifying the ports and harbours of the United States, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Walton,

Ordered, That the petition of George Ash, presented to this House, on the thirteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Burlington, in the county of Chittenden, to the court house in the county of Grand Isle, in the state of Vermont; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Lyon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of retaining a greater proportion of the duties on articles, the

growth or manufacture of foreign countries, which may be re-exported.

On motion of Mr. Broom, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is expedient to make further provision, by law, for securing the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* to persons in custody, under, or by colour of, the authority of the United States.

Ordered, That the said motion do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Varnum, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is expedient, in addition to the sums otherwise appropriated to fortify the ports and harbours of the United States, to appropriate a sum, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to enable the President of the United States, to cause the port and harbour of New York to be better fortified and defended.

Ordered, That the said motion do lie on the table.

Mr. Chittenden presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Poultney through Castleton, Hubbarton, Sudbury, Whiting and Cornwall, to Middlebury, in the said state.

Mr. Tracy presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Broom, and Onondaga, in the state of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Manlius, through Pompey, East Hollow, Fabius, Solon, Cincinnatus, and Lisle, to Simon Rogers', in the said state.

Mr. Taggart presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Tully, in the county of Onondaga, and state of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from

Onondaga, through Pompey, Tully, Homer, and Virgil, to Owego, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Bangor, in the district of Maine, presented to this House, on the fourth of April last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, transmitting their report, made in obedience to the act, intituled "An act to provide for the adjustment of titles of land in the town of Detroit, and territory of Michigan; and for other purposes," which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice in the district of Columbia," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act confirming claims to land in the district of Vincennes," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hearn from his imprisonment: Whereupon,

The first amendment of the Senate to the enacting clause of the said bill, being again read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Senate in the title of the said bill, amended to read as followeth: "An act for the relief of William Hearn."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Blount, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route, by water, from Washington, in North Carolina, to Shell Castle, near Ocracoke inlet; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The House proceeded to the farther consideration of the bill, at the Clerk's table, authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases; and on the question, that the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 53.
 { Nays 52.

Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the nays.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Joseph Barker,
Joseph Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Findley,
James M. Garnett,
Seth Hastings,
David Hough,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
Thomas M. Randolph,

John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Martin C. Schuneman,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Joseph Stanton,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,

Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Abram Trigg,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Matthew Walton,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Nathan Williams, and
Thomas Wynna.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
Caleb Ellis,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,

Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Duncan Mac Farland,
David Meriwether,
John Morrow,
Gideon Olin,
John Pugh,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Joseph Winston.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock,

MONDAY, February 9, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined the following inrolled bills, to wit :

“ An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States;”

“ An act for the relief of William Hearn,” and

“ An act for the relief of Edmund Briggs,” and had found the same to be truly inrolled :

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wickes presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of suffolk, in the state of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying an alteration of the present route of the mail from Moriches by the way of River-Head to Southampton ; and that the present route may be extended from Sag Harbor to East-hampton.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing vessels from places beyond the cape of Good-Hope, to enter at Plymouth, and establishing a port of delivery at Augusta, in the district of Maine, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth ultimo, the petition of Richard Mellen, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That Richard Mellen have leave to withdraw his petition, and the papers accompanying the same.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Stanton, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Daniel S. Dexter, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Burwell presented to the House, a petition of Mary Barclay, widow of Thomas Barclay, which was received, and read, praying to be allowed a reasonable allowance for herself and children, in consideration of important and useful services rendered to the United States by the decedent, as diplomatic agent at Morocco, from the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, to the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and for which services an adequate compensation has not been made.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Latimore presented to the House, a petition of the grand jurors of Washington district, in the Mississippi territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the time allowed by law for the payment of lands purchased of the United States, in the said territory, may be extended; that further time may be allowed for establishing donation right to lands, in the said territory; and that Congress will grant some real and effective encouragement to schools, in the said district.

Mr. Hamilton presented to the House, a petition of Thomas Hair, of the state of Ohio, which was received, and read, praying that the right of pre-emption to the

east half of section number fifteen, (formerly a reserved section,) in the sixth township and third range, of the public lands, in the said state, may be granted to him, in consideration of having erected a grist mill, and made other improvements on the said land.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Mumford presented to the House, a petition of Hyacinth Garein, of the city of New York, which was received, and read, praying to be allowed the debentures of drawback on seven packages of merchandise, exported in the brig Elizabeth, to Guadaloupe, and which have been withheld from him by the collector of the district of New York, in consequence of not having given bond at the custom house, within ten days after the said exportation; to do which the petitioner was prevented in consequence of being unacquainted with the law in such cases.

Mr. Mumford presented to the House, a petition of Joshua Sands, late collector of the customs for the port of New York, which was received, and read, stating that he issued, while collector aforesaid, sundry debentures for merchandise exported to New Orleans, then a part of the Spanish possessions in America; that upon exhibiting his accounts at the Treasury, the accounting officers objected to his charge of debentures so paid, and praying that the said debentures, paid by him as aforesaid, may be allowed, and a final settlement of his accounts effected.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of John Hopewell, presented to this House, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, and that the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any,

and if any, what description of claims against the United States, are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

On motion of Mr. Parke, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations ought to be made in the laws fixing the salaries of the secretaries and judges of the Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan territories; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Parke, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Sandford, Mr. Jeremiah Nelson, and Mr. Fisk.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill further supplementary to the act, intituled "An act concerning the district of Columbia;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate have passed a bill, intituled "An act for the relief of John Chester," to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our *Lord*, one thousand eight hundred and eight," to which committee of the whole House was committed, on the twentieth ultimo, the amendatory bill which originated in this House, to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December next; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said last mentioned bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bills.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following inrolled bills, to wit:

"An act authorizing the erection of certain light houses, and the fixing of stakes, buoys and beacons, at certain places therein named ;"

"An act for the relief of the sufferers by fire, in the town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire ;"

"An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States ;"

"An act for the relief of William Hearn ;" and

"An act for the relief of Edmund Briggs."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 10, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined an inrolled bill, intituled "An act supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States,'" and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

"An act authorizing the erection of certain light houses, and the fixing of stakes, buoys and beacons, at certain places therein named;"

"An act for the relief of the sufferers by fire, in the town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire;"

"An act to provide for surveying the coasts of the United States;"

"An act for the relief of William Hearn;" and

"An act for the relief of Edmund Briggs."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of William Love, presented to this House, on the twenty-second of November, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition of Reuben Colbourn, presented to this House, on the third of January, one thousand eight hundred, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of Lewis Bond, of the state of Ohio, which

was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that he may be permitted to purchase, at the rate of two dollars per acre, section number one, of township number one, at the foot of the rapids, on the Miami river, in the said state.

Mr. Lattimore presented to the House, a petition of John Baker, of the Mississippi territory, which was received, and read, praying to be confirmed in his right to a tract of land in the said territory, granted to him by the Spanish government, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Barker presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Bristol and Plymouth, in the state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Taunton, by Middleborough, through Carver to Plymouth, in the said state.

Mr. Earle presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pendleton district, in the state of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the post route from Edgefield court house to Pendleton court house, may be extended to Kilpatrick's store, in the said state.

Mr. Earle presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pendleton district, in the state of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the post route from Edgefield court house to Pendleton court house may be extended to the Oconney station, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

In compliance with the request of the House of Representatives, expressed in their resolution of the fifth instant, I proceed to give such information, as is possessed, of the effect of gun-boats in the protection and defence of harbours, of the numbers thought necessary, and of the proposed distribution of them, among the ports and harbours of the United States.

Under present circumstances, and governed by the intentions of the legislature, as manifested by their annual appropriations of money for the purposes of defence, it has been concluded to combine, 1st, land batteries, furnished with heavy cannon and mortars, and established on all the points around the place favorable for preventing vessels from lying before it; 2d, moveable artillery, which may be carried, as occasion may require, to points unprovided with fixed batteries; 3d, floating batteries; and 4th, gun-boats, which may oppose an enemy at his entrance, and co-operate with the batteries for his expulsion.

On this subject professional men were consulted as far as we had opportunity. General Wilkinson, and the late general Gates, gave their opinions in writing, in favour of the system, as will be seen by their letters now communicated. The higher officers of the navy gave the same opinions, in separate conferences, as their presence at the seat of government offered occasions of consulting them, and no difference of judgment appeared on the subject. Those of commodore Barron and captain Tingey, now here, are recently furnished in writing, and transmitted herewith to the legislature.

The efficacy of gun-boats for the defence of harbours, and of other smooth and inclosed waters, may

be estimated, in part, from that of gallies, formerly much used, but less powerful, more costly in their construction and maintenance, and requiring more men. But the gun-boat itself is believed to be in use with every modern maritime nation, for the purposes of defence. In the Mediterranean, on which are several small powers, whose system, like ours, is peace and defence, few harbours are without this article of protection. Our own experience there of the effect of gun-boats, for harbour service, is recent. Algiers is particularly known to have owed, to a great provision of these vessels, the safety of its city, since the epoch of their construction. Before that, it had been repeatedly insulted and injured. The effect of gun-boats, at present, in the neighborhood of Gibraltar, is well known, and how much they were used, both in the attack and defence of that place, during a former war. The extensive resort to them, by the two greatest naval powers in the world, on an enterprize of invasion not long since in prospect, shews their confidence in their efficacy, for the purposes for which they are suited. By the northern powers of Europe, whose seas are particularly adapted to them, they are still more used. The remarkable action, between the Russian flotilla of gun-boats and gallies, and a Turkish fleet of ships of the line and frigates, in the Liman sea, (in one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight,) will be readily recollected. The latter, commanded by their most celebrated admiral, were completely defeated, and several of their ships of the line destroyed.

From the opinions given, as to the number of gun-boats necessary for some of the principal sea ports, and from a view of all the towns and ports, from Orleans to Maine, inclusive, entitled to protection, in proportion to their situation and circumstances, it is concluded that, to give them a due measure of protection in times of war, about two hundred gun-boats will be requisite. According to first ideas, the following would be their general distribution; liable to be

varied, on more mature examination, and as circumstances shall vary; that is to say,

To the Mississippi and its neighboring waters, forty gun-boats.

To Savannah and Charleston, and the harbors on each side, from Saint Mary's to Curratuck, twenty-five.

To the Chesapeake, and its waters, twenty.

To Delaware bay and river, fifteen.

To New York, the Sound, and waters as far as Cape Cod, fifty.

To Boston and the harbours north of Cape Cod, fifty.

The flotillas assigned to these several stations might each be under the care of a particular commandant, and the vessels composing them would, in ordinary, be distributed among the harbours within the station, in proportion to their importance.

Of these boats, a proper proportion would be of the larger size, such as those heretofore built, capable of navigating any seas, and of reinforcing occasionally the strength even of the most distant ports, when menaced with danger. The residue would be confined to their own, or the neighboring harbours, would be smaller, less furnished for accommodation, and consequently less costly. Of the number supposed necessary, seventy-three are built or building, and the hundred and twenty-seven still to be provided, would cost from five to six hundred thousand dollars. Having regard to the convenience of the treasury, as well as to the resources for building, it has been thought that the one half of these might be built in the present year, and the other half the next. With the legislature, however, it will rest to stop where we are, or at any further point, when they shall be of opinion that the number provided shall be sufficient for the object.

At times, when Europe, as well as the United States shall be at peace, it would not be proposed that more than six or eight of these vessels should be kept afloat.

When Europe is in war, treble that number might be necessary, to be distributed among those particular harbours which foreign vessels of war are in the habit of frequenting, for the purpose of preserving order therein. But they would be manned in ordinary, with only their complement for navigation, relying on the scamen and militia of the port, if called into action, on any sudden emergency. It would be only when the United States should themselves be at war, that the whole number would be brought into active service, and would be ready, in the first moments of the war, to co-operate, with other means, for covering at once the line of our sea ports. At all times, those unemployed, would be withdrawn into places not exposed to sudden enterprize, hauled up under sheds covered from the sun and weather, and kept in preservation with little expense for repairs or maintenance.

It must be superfluous to observe, that this species of naval armament is proposed merely for defensive operation; that it can have but little effect towards protecting our commerce in the open seas, even on our own coast; and still less can it become an excitement to engage in offensive maritime war, towards which it would furnish no means.

TH: JEFFERSON."

February 10, 1807.

The said message was read, and together with the documents transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is authorized and directed, to cause to be published, the report and chart of a survey of the coast of North Carolina, made by Thomas

Coles and Jonathan Price, under the act of Congress, passed at the last session, for that purpose; and that the said secretary be authorized to give them the privilege of securing to themselves the copy right thereof, provided they will undertake the expense of the publication, and secure the performance of such other conditions as he may think proper, to promote the objects of the government in directing the said survey to be made. But such copy right shall not operate to prevent Congress from having said chart incorporated into any general chart of the coast of the United States, which they may think proper to cause to be executed.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Danville to Derby, in Vermont, and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States:" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Fisk.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act for the relief of John Chester," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, of the thirty-first ultimo, transmitting a report of the commissioners appointed under the act

passed the twenty-ninth of March last, intituled "An act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," together with the said report, be referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Sandford, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Goldsborough.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I communicate for the information of Congress, a letter from Cowles Mead, secretary of the Mississippi territory, to the Secretary at War, by which it will be seen, that Mr. Burr had reached that neighbourhood on the thirteenth of January.

TH: JEFFERSON.

February 10, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the letter transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill further supplementary to the act, intituled "An act concerning the district of Columbia," was read the third time.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 52.
 { Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,

Barnabas Bidwell,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Joseph Clay,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
Samuel W. Dana,

Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
William Findley,
John Fowler,
Charles Goldsborough,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,

Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas W. Thompson,
John Whitehill, and
Eliphalet Wickes.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Silas Halsey,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

Matthew Lyon,
Patrick Magruder,
Josiah Masters,
Gideon Olin,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Uri Tracy,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Matthew Walton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

Resolved, That the title be "An act further supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act concerning the district of Columbia.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, sent from this House, intituled " An act to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi; and to authorize the building of a custom house at New Orleans : " The Senate have passed a bill, intituled " An act to punish frauds committed on the bank of the United States, " to which they desire the concurrence of this House : And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled " An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight, " to which committee of the whole House was committed, on the twentieth ultimo, the amendatory bill which originated in this House, to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December next; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said first mentioned bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bills.

On motion of Mr. John Randolph,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, transmitting a treaty between the United States of America, and the Piankeshaw

tribe of Indians, together with the said treaty, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 11, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled "An act supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States,'"

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to punish frauds committed on the bank of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land in the territory of Michigan:" And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report on the petition of Constant Taber and Audley Clarke, executors of the last will and testament of Caleb Gardner, deceased, referred to him by an order of the House, of the twenty-seventh ultimo, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the

statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

Mr. Blount presented to the House, a petition of James Campbell, of the state of North Carolina, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered as a captain in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dana presented to the House, a petition of Canfield Gillet, of the state of Connecticut, for and on behalf of the "Derby fishing company" of the said state, which was received, and read, praying that the president, assistant or secretary of the said company, for the time being, may be authorized and empowered by an act of Congress, to obtain and hold registers, inrollments and licenses, in their own names, for the use and benefit of the said company, for vessels employed by them in the said fishery, on such terms and under such regulations as shall be deemed just and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land in the territory of Michigan," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee, to whom was committed, yesterday, the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, intituled "An act to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States, reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the

first, and their disagreement to the second of the said amendments.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate, and the report of the select committee thereon : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Senate in their said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, of the seventeenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, transmitting a treaty between the United States of America, and the Cherokee tribe of Indians, together with the said treaty, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, intituled " An act supplementary to the act, intituled ' An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States.' "

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled " An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight, " to which committee of the whole House was committed, on the twentieth ultimo, the amendatory bill, which originated in this House, to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, or the territories thereof, after the thirty-first day of December next; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported,

that the committee had, according to order, again had the said first mentioned bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments : Whereupon,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 12, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined the following inrolled bills, to wit :

“ An act to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi, and to authorize the building of a custom house at New Orleans ;” and

“ An act to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States,” and had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, intituled “ An act to prevent settlements being made on lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law :” Also, a bill, intituled “ An act to regulate the summoning of grand jurors,” to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House : And then he withdrew.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I now lay before Congress a statement of the militia of the United States, according to the latest returns received by the department of war. From two of the states no returns have ever been received.

TH: JEFFERSON.

February 11, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the returns transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lewis presented to the House, a petition of Richard Bland Lee, of the state of Virginia, which was received, and read, stating that he holds the fee simple reversionary interest of a tract of land in Jefferson county, the lease right to which has been purchased by the United States of a certain Thomas Wilson; that considerable waste has been committed on the said land by the troops of the United States, stationed at Harper's ferry, in violation of the covenants of the said lease, and to the great damage of the petitioner; and praying such relief in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker presented to the House, a petition of Ebenezer S. Platt, of the city of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of sufferings and hardships sustained while a prisoner in England, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, two petitions of sundry inhabitants of Warren county, in the state of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from the town of New Market to the town of Lebanon, in the said state.

Mr. Kelly presented to the House, two petitions of sundry inhabitants of Adams county, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the post route from Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, to Chamberstown, in the state of Pennsylvania, may not be discontinued, as is proposed by the Post-master General.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, stating that errors have been committed, to the injury of the petitioners, in surveying the lands purchased by them of the United States, and praying that Congress will direct the surveyor general to cause the same to be resurveyed, and the errors in the original surveys to be corrected.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was committed, yesterday, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land in the territory of Michigan," reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House, their agreement to the same :

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill and report be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Boyle, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing patents to issue for

lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution warrants, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Saturday next.

Mr. Parke, from the committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, the letter from William Henry Harrison, governor of the Indiana territory, inclosing certain resolutions passed by the legislative council and house of representatives of the said territory, relative to a suspension, for a certain period, of the sixth article of compact between the United States and the territories and states north west of the river Ohio, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the joint committee appointed by the two Houses of Congress to execute the provisions of the act, intituled "An act making a further appropriation for the support of a library," passed the twenty-fifth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Early, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the terms of the supreme court of the United States.

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Early, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Bidwell.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

" To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I transmit to both Houses of Congress the laws adopted by the government and judges of the territory

of Michigan, from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and six, to the first day of January, of the present year.

TH: JEFFERSON."

"February 10, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the laws transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth ultimo, on a message from the President of the United States, transmitting a copy of the laws of the territory of Michigan:

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House, yesterday, to the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight;" Whereupon,

The first, second and third amendments to the said bill, being again read at the Clerk's table, were, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The fourth amendment reported by the committee of the whole House, to the said bill, being again read in the words following, to wit:

Sec. 5, lines thirteen, fourteen and fifteen, after the word "guilty" strike out the words "*of felony; and being thereof convicted before any court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, shall suffer death,*" and insert "*of a high misdemeanor, and being thereof convicted before any court having competent jurisdiction, shall suffer imprisonment for not more than ten years, or less than five years.*"

A motion was then made by Mr. George W. Campbell, to amend the said amendment, by adding to the end thereof the words "*and fined not exceeding ten thousand dollars, nor less than one thousand dollars,*" and on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then stated, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in their said amendment, as amended.

On which, a division of the said question was called for,

And on the question that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House in so much of their said amendment as proposes to strike out the words before recited, to wit: "*of felony; and being thereof convicted before any court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, shall suffer death,*"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 67.
Nays 48.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
John Archer,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
George W. Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
Ezra Darby,
John Dawson,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,

Isaiah L. Green,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creeery,
David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Dennis Smeit,

John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,

Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 Richard Winn, and
 Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Isaac Anderson,
 David Bard,
 George M. Bedinger,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 John Chandler,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Covington,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Silas Halsey,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 David Hough,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Josiah Masters,

John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson, and
 Thomas Wynna.

And then the question was taken, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in so much of their said amendment as amended, as proposes to insert, in lieu of the words stricken out, the words "*of a high misdemeanor; and being thereof convicted before any court having competent jurisdiction, shall suffer imprisonment for not more than ten years, or less than five years, and fined not exceeding ten thousand dollars, nor less than one thousand dollars,*"

And resolved in the affirmative.

The fifth amendment reported from the committee of the whole House, to amend the eighth section of the said bill, by inserting after the word "color" in the fifth line thereof, the words "*who may hereafter be imported contrary to the provisions of this act,*" being again read, was, upon the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Early, and seconded, farther to amend the said bill by adding to the end of the eighth section, the following proviso :

" Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall extend to prohibit the taking on board or transporting any negro, mulatto, or person of color (not imported contrary to the provisions of this act) in any vessel or species of craft whatever, from one place to another, within the jurisdiction of the United States."

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be read the third time, to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 13, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following inrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi, and to authorize the building of a custom house at New Orleans;" and

"An act to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, intituled " An act in addition to the act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House : And then he withdrew.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, intituled " An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled " An act to prevent settlements being made on lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Winston, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of the establishment of a post road from Salisbury, to pass through Statesville, to Charlotte, in North Carolina ; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the post office in Unadilla, in the county of Otsego, to the post office in

Oxford, in the county of Chenango, in the state of New York; and report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Saily presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Essex county, in the state of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from Orwell, in the state of Vermont, through Tyconderoga, Crownpoint, and Elizabethtown to Essex, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, were read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 113.
Nays 5.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
William W. Bibb,
Barnabas Bidwell,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,

George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
Frédéric Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,

Caleb Ellis,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 John W. Lippes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Gideon Olin,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,

John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Phillip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Silas Betton,
 Martin Chittenden,
 James M. Garnett,

Abram Trigg, and
 David R. Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to regulate the summoning of grand jurors," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act for the relief of John Chester," reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House, their agreement to the same: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill and report be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the petition of William Fitzhugh Grymes, and the heirs and representatives of Benjamin Grymes, deceased, be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, yesterday, the bill authorizing patents to issue for lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution warrants.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal company, which was received, and read, praying that their petition, presented to this House at the last session of Congress, may be fully examined, and finally decided upon.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the department of war; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill

under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of Stephen Sayre; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill respecting seizures made under the authority of the United States, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Stephen Sayre, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for the relief of Stephen Sayre."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the capitol, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto,

which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts, in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Mumford, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is expedient to appropriate the sum of _____ dollars, to enable the President of the United States more effectually to fortify the port and harbor of New York.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the seventh instant, the bill for fortifying the ports and harbours of the United States.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act, intituled "An act supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States,'" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, February 16, 1807.

Mr. Varnum, from the Committee on Post-office and Post-roads, presented, according to order, a bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims; to whom was referred, on the eighth of December last, the petition of the legal representatives of Phineas Miller, by Josiah Whitney, their attorney, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fourth of December last, the petition of Benoni Simmons, of the state of Rhode Island, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Benoni Simmons have leave to withdraw his petition, and papers accompanying the same.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of explaining the operation of the several acts of Congress relative to the marine corps, and to the military peace establishment of the United States, so far as the same may affect the commandant

of the marine corps: and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Walton, and Mr. Livingston.

An engrossed bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon, to the office of the Secretary of the department of war, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon, to the office of the Secretary of the department of war."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill respecting seizures made under the authority of the United States, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act respecting seizures made under the authority of the United States; and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the capitol, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the capitol; and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what addition ought to be made to the existing navy peace establishment; and that they be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise;

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Newton, Mr. Broom, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Marion, and Mr. Cook.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act in addition to the act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Quincy, and Mr. M'Creery.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of government during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Mr. John Randolph, from the same committee, who were instructed by a resolution of the House, of the seventh instant, "to inquire into the expediency of retaining a greater proportion of the duties on articles, the growth or manufacture of foreign countries, which may be re-exported," made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the farther consideration of a resolution of the House of Representatives, directing the Committee of Ways and Means "to inquire into the expediency of retaining a greater proportion of the duties on articles, the growth or manufacture of foreign countries, which may be re-exported," be postponed *indefinitely*.

Mr. Southard presented to the House, a petition of James Bonnell, of the state of New Jersey, which was received, and read, praying the renewal of a certain final settlement certificate, granted to the petitioner in

consideration of military services rendered by him as a captain of light infantry in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, which certificate was lost or destroyed in the month of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States, are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of George Adams, of the state of Ohio, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received, and hardships and sufferings sustained, while a soldier in a corps of volunteers under the command of general Harmar, on an expedition against the Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, which render him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Kelly presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Adams county, in the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect with two petitions of sundry inhabitants of Adams county, in the state of Pennsylvania, presented to this House, on the twelfth instant, which was received, and read, and ordered to be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, this day, the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Lewis, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for the establishment of a turnpike company in

the county of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act establishing circuit courts in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio," together with the amendments agreed to on the thirteenth instant, were read the third time : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be recommitted to a committee of the whole House, this day.

The House, accordingly resolved itself into the said committee ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and amendments under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 82.
Nays 7.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
George M. Bedinger,
Thomas Blount,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
John Boyle,

William A. Burwell,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,

John Dawson,
 Elias Earle,
 Peter Early,
 Caleb Ellis,
 John W. Eppea,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Silas Halsey,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 John C. Jackson,
 Thomas Kepan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Gideon Olin,

John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin C. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Matthew Walton,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

James M. Garnett,
 David Meriwether,
 John Randolph,
 Richard Stanford,

Joseph Stanton,
 Benjamin Tallmadge, and
 David R. Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on a joint resolution of the tenth instant, "authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be

published the report and chart of a survey of the coast of North Carolina, made by Thomas Coles and Jonathan Price ;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said resolution being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

"Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is authorized and directed, to cause to be published, the report and chart of a survey of the coast of North Carolina, made by Thomas Coles and Jonathan Price, under the act of Congress, passed at the last session, for that purpose; *and that the said secretary be authorized to give them the privilege of securing to themselves the copy right thereof, provided they will undertake the expense of the publication, and secure the performance of such other conditions as he may think proper, to promote the objects of the government in directing the said survey to be made. But such copy right shall not operate to prevent Congress from having said chart incorporated into any general chart of the coast of the United States, which they may think proper to cause to be executed.*"

A motion was made by Mr. Olin, and seconded, to amend the said resolution, by striking out therefrom the following words: "*and that the said secretary be authorized to give them the privilege of securing to themselves the copy right thereof, provided they will undertake the expense of the publication, and secure the performance of such other conditions as he may think proper, to promote the objects of the government in directing the said survey to be made. But such copy right shall not operate to prevent Congress from having said chart incorporated into any general chart of the coast of*

the United States, which they may think proper to cause to be executed."

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said joint resolution, as amended, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-day.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Boyle have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from to-day, until the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, and seconded,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the seventh instant, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice in the district of Columbia," be discharged from the farther consideration thereof, and that the same be committed to Mr. Bassett, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Varnum, and Mr. Blount.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, and seconded,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, the bill supplementary to an act, intituled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the district of Columbia," be discharged from the farther consideration thereof, and that the same be committed to the committee last appointed.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the thirteenth instant, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act to annex certain shores and waters to the district of Mississippi, and to authorize the building of a custom house at New Orleans," and

"An act to extend the power of granting writs of injunctions to the judges of the district courts of the United States."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making compensation to Messieurs Lewis and Clarke, and their companions; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded further to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table; When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 17, 1807.

Mr. Thomas Moore presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Union district, in the state of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying an alteration of the post route from Columbia to Spartanburg, so that the mail on its return may pass from Spartanburg court house to Reuben S. Sanders, thence to Thomas O'Neal's, thence to John Rogers', thence to John Henderson's, thence to John Hampton's, and thence to Columbia, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixteenth instant, the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes,

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of Hyacinth Garein, presented to

this House, on the ninth instant; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and the papers accompanying the same.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the farther consideration of the petitions of Jonas W. Keen and Joseph Snowden, administrators of George Watts, deceased, and of John Latour, presented to this House, on the twenty-seventh ultimo; of sundry merchants, traders and inhabitants of Narraganset bay, in the state of Rhode Island, presented to this House, on the third instant; and of Joshua Sands, presented to this House, on the ninth instant; and that the said petitions do severally lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of John and William Bell, presented to this House, on the twenty-fourth of December last.

A motion was then made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the said petition and papers accompanying the same, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury :

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 47.
 { Nays 47.

Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the nays.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of John Mullowny, of the city of Philadelphia, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of damages sustained by the capture of the British brig Catharine, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, by the French national ship, called the L'Embascade, within the territory of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, inclosing his report on the petition of David Baldwin, referred to him by an order of the House, of the fifth instant, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Clinton, from the committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, the report of the Secretary of State, on the petition of James Jay, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill further to regulate the grants of land south of the state of Tennessee, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Saturday next.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the seventh instant, the petition of George Ash, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the fourteenth ultimo, the bill making provision for the disposal of the public lands situated between the United States' military tract, and the Connecticut reserve, and for other purposes.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies, not exceeding thirty

thousand men : Also, the bill intituled " An act further supplementary to the act, intituled ' An act concerning the district of Columbia : " The Senate agree to all the amendments, except the ninth, proposed by this House to the bill, intituled " An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight," to which said ninth amendment they disagree : And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Gregg be appointed of the Committee on the Public Lands, in the place of Mr. Boyle, who is absent on leave.

The House proceeded to consider a motion of Mr. Broom, of the seventh instant, and the same being read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

" Resolved, That it is expedient to make further provision, by law, for securing the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*, to persons in custody, under, or by colour of, the authority of the United States."

A motion was made by Mr. Broom, and seconded, that the said resolution be committed to the consideration of a committee of the whole House.

On which motion debate arising ;

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined the following inrolled bills, to wit :

"An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies, not exceeding thirty thousand men," and

"An act further supplementary to the act, intituled "An act concerning the district of Columbia," and had found the same to be truly inrolled :

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Robert Whitehill, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirteenth ultimo, the petition of John Morrell, and others, on behalf of the special jurors of the city of Philadelphia, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Mr. Parke, from the committee appointed on the ninth instant, "to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations ought to be made in the laws fixing the salaries of the secretaries and judges of the Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan territories," presented, according to order, a bill allowing an additional compensation to the secretaries and judges of the territories of Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Mr. Early, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, who were instructed by a resolution of the House, of the twentieth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, how far owners of ships shall be answerable for the acts of the master and mariner," made a report thereon, which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the resolution, directing an inquiry "into the expediency

of providing, by law, how far owners of ships shall be answerable for the acts of the master and mariner," be postponed *indefinitely*.

Mr. Marion, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth of December last, the petition of sundry merchants of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the consideration of a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the settlement of accounts between the United States and William Eaton, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Earle presented to the House, a petition of John Motlow, of the state of South Carolina, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be indemnified for losses sustained in depredations committed on the property of the petitioner, by the enemy, and a body of hostile Indians, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Wadsworth presented to the House, a petition of Benjamin C. Bartlett, which was received, and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore allowed him, in consideration of wounds received whilst a volunteer in the army of the United States, commanded by general Wayne, acting against the Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, which render him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dana presented to the House, a petition of sundry merchants and traders in the district of Middletown, in the state of Connecticut, whose names are

thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the port of Middletown may be made a port of entry for vessels arriving from foreign ports or places.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the ninth instant, the bill authorizing vessels from places beyond the cape of Good Hope to enter at Plymouth, and establishing a port of delivery at Augusta, in the district of Maine.

Mr. Covington presented to the House, a petition of Richard H. Courts, of the state of Maryland, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered as surgeon's mate to the hospital at Georgetown, in the state of Maryland, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States, are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

Mr. Southard presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen, in the state of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a post route from the town of Paterson-landing, in the said state, to the city of New York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixteenth instant, the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes.

The House proceeded to consider their ninth amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the

year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight :”

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the House do insist on their said amendment, and on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Early, and seconded, to reconsider the said motion to insist, and on the question thereupon, agreed to by the House :

Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their said ninth amendment, and desire a conference with the Senate on the subject matter thereof, and appoint Mr. Early, Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Alston, and Mr. Goldsborough, managers at the said conference on their part.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That Seth Chapin have leave to withdraw his petition, and the documents accompanying the same, presented to this House, on the eleventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and three.

An engrossed resolution in the form of a joint resolution of the two Houses, “to publish the report and chart of the survey of the coast of North Carolina,” was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said resolution do pass, and that the Clerk of this House do carry the same to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the conference desired by this House, on the subject matter of the amendment depending between the two Houses, to the bill, intituled “An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight,” and have appointed managers on their part : And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion of Mr. Broom depending yesterday, at the time of adjournment, and after farther debate thereon, the said motion was withdrawn.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Broom, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision by law for securing the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* to persons in custody, under or by color of the authority of the United States; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The House proceeded to consider the said motion at the Clerk's table, and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 19, 1807.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the committee appointed on the sixteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to explain the act, intituled "An act fixing the rank and pay of the commanding officer of the corps of marines," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. M'Creeery presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the continuance of the post route from the city of Baltimore, by the way of Reisterstown, Westminster, Union-mills and Gettesburg, to Chambersburg.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Westminster, in the state of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixteenth instant, the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a supplementary report in relation to invalid pensioners; made in pursuance of the act of the tenth of April last, intituled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the revolutionary war," which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirty-first of December last, the petition of Daniel Cotton, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was committed, on the seventh instant, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act confirming claims to land in the district of Vincennes," reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following be added to the standing rules and orders of the House:

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

As soon as the journal is read, the speaker shall call for petitions from the members of each state, and

delegates from each territory, beginning with New Hampshire.

After the petitions have been presented and disposed of, the reports of the standing committees of the house shall be called for, in the order of their appointment at the beginning of the session.

Reports from select committees shall then be received.

The above business shall be done at no other part of the day. The house shall then consider the other business, in the following order :

Executive messages.

Reports from departments.

Reports from the post master general.

Bills on the first, and by special order on the second reading.

Bills on the third reading.

COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER.

On bills from the senate, in the order committed.

On bills originating in the house of representatives, in the order committed.

On joint resolutions, in the order committed.

On reports of the standing committees, in the order committed.

On reports of select committees, in the same order.

On executive messages, in the same order.

On reports of departments, and of the post master general, in the same order.

Reports of committees of the whole house shall be considered as soon as made, unless otherwise directed by the house.

The speaker shall read over the several orders of the day until one be called for, on which the question shall be put, unless a privileged question be moved on it.

No order of the day shall be postponed, on motion, unless indefinitely.

JOINT RULE OF THE TWO HOUSES.

No petition, or bill which originated from a petition, which may be rejected by either house, shall be again taken into consideration, unless in the house which rejected the petition or bill.

Ordered, That the said motion do lie on the table.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the committee to whom was committed, on the sixteenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act in addition to the act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," made a report thereon, which was read, and together with the bill, ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Roger Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of Rinaldo Johnson, presented to this House, on the nineteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to Mr. Roger Nelson, Mr. Cutts, and Mr. Blount; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Clay have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Resolved, That the daily hour to which this House shall stand adjourned, during the remainder of the session, shall, unless otherwise ordered, be ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following inrolled bills, to wit:

An act intituled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies, not exceeding thirty thousand men;" and

"An act further supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act concerning the district of Columbia.'"

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I transmit to Congress a letter from our ministers plenipotentiary at London, informing us that they have agreed with the British commissioners to conclude a treaty on all the points which had formed the object of their negotiation, and on terms which they trusted we would approve.

Also, a letter from our minister plenipotentiary at Paris, covering one to him from the minister of marine of that government, assuring him that the imperial decree lately passed was not to affect our commerce, which would still be governed by the rules of the treaty established between the two countries.

Also, a letter from Cowles Mead, secretary of the Mississippi territory, acting as governor, informing us that Aaron Burr had surrendered himself to the civil authority of that territory.

TH: JEFFERSON.

February 19, 1807."

The said message was read, and together with the documents transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion of Mr. Broom, depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, and the said motion being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision by law for securing the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* to persons in custody under or by colour of the authority of the United States; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise."

A motion was made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded, to amend the said resolution by inserting after the

And on the question so to amend.

The said resolution as amended, was then again read at the Clerk's table, and further debate arising thereon.

And on the question thereupon,

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
John Chandler,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppe,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwin,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
William Helms,

James Holland,
John G. Jackson,
John Lambert,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Patrick Magruder,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Peter Saily,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,

Daniel C. Verplanck,
Matthew Walton,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,

Eliphalet Wickes,
Nathan Williams,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynne.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
John Archer,
Burwell Bissett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
James M. Broom,
William A. Burwell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborou gh,
Edwin Gray,
Seth Hastings,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,

David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John RCA, (*Pennsylvania*),
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams, and
Alexander Wilson.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 20, 1807.

Mr. Fisk presented to the House, a petition of Daniel Buck, of the state of Vermont, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of John Elliot, of the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered as a surgeon's mate, in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Isaac Briggs, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Thomas presented to the House, a petition of Gilbert Drake, of the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that an act of Congress may be passed to relieve him from imprisonment, at the suit of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Seaver; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Parke presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Indiana territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the division of the said territory into two separate governments.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Parke, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Alston, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Sandford, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and Mr. Philip R. Thompson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Parke presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Randolph county, in the Indiana

territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, in opposition to a division of the said territory into two separate governments.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Gregg presented to the House, a petition of sundry officers who served in the British army, during the war between France and Great Britain, in America, which commenced in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying to be confirmed in their respective titles to certain lands, granted by the king of Great Britain, in consideration of military services rendered the American colonies, during the said war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the third instant, the report of the Committee on the Public Lands, on the petition of sundry officers who served in America, during the war between France and Great Britain.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of the legal representatives of Phineas Miller, deceased, by Josiah Whitney, their attorney: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Josiah Whitney, agent for the legal representatives of Phineas Miller, deceased, have leave to withdraw his petition and papers accompanying the same.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Roger Nelson, from the committee appointed on the nineteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Rinaldo Johnson, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, which lay on the table, on the sixteenth instant, making compensation to Messieurs Lewis and Clarke, and their companions; and the amendment then depending, to strike out lines nineteen, twenty and twenty one, in the first section thereof, being again read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendment, be recommitteed to a committee of the whole House, this day,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House, on the twenty first ultimo, to the bill supplementary to the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British

Daniel C. Verplanck,
Matthew Walton,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,

Eliphalet Wickes,
Nathan Williams,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
John Archer,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
James M. Broom,
William A. Burwell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborou gh,
Edwin Gray,
Seth Hastings,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,

David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadgc,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams, and
Alexander Wilson.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 20, 1807.

Mr. Fisk presented to the House, a petition of Daniel Buck, of the state of Vermont, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of John Elliot, of the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying compensation for services rendered as a surgeon's mate, in the army of the United States, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Isaac Briggs, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Thomas presented to the House, a petition of Gilbert Drake, of the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that an act of Congress may be passed to relieve him from imprisonment, at the suit of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Betton, and Mr. Seaver; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Parke presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Indiana territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the division of the said territory into two separate governments.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Parke, Mr. Varnum, Mr. Alston, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Sandford, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and Mr. Philip R. Thompson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Parke presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Randolph county, in the Indiana

territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, in opposition to a division of the said territory into two separate governments.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Gregg presented to the House, a petition of sundry officers who served in the British army, during the war between France and Great Britain, in America, which commenced in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying to be confirmed in their respective titles to certain lands, granted by the king of Great Britain, in consideration of military services rendered the American colonies, during the said war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the third instant, the report of the Committee on the Public Lands, on the petition of sundry officers who served in America, during the war between France and Great Britain.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of the legal representatives of Phineas Miller, deceased, by Josiah Whitney, their attorney: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Josiah Whitney, agent for the legal representatives of Phineas Miller, deceased, have leave to withdraw his petition and papers accompanying the same.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Roger Nelson, from the committee appointed on the nineteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Rinaldo Johnson, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, which lay on the table, on the sixteenth instant, making compensation to Messieurs Lewis and Clarke, and their companions; and the amendment then depending, to strike out lines nineteen, twenty and twenty one, in the first section thereof, being again read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendment, be recommitted to a committee of the whole House, this day,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House, on the twenty first ultimo, to the bill supplementary to the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British

provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," and agreed to some, and disagreed to others of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to punish frauds committed on the bank of the United States;" and after sometimes spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill intituled "An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee of Claims, made on the twenty-third ultimo, on the petition of Oliver Pollock; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the

committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of Oliver Pollock, so far as the same relates to the second, third, fourth and sixth items of his account, and one half of the seventh item, is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Newton, from the committee appointed on the sixteenth instant, "to inquire whether any, and if any, what addition ought to be made to the existing navy peace establishment," presented, according to order, a bill in addition to an act intituled "An act in addition to an act intituled 'An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes,'" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That the second resolution contained in the report of the committee of the whole House, of the twenty third ultimo, together with the message of the President of the United States, of the tenth instant, in relation to the efficacy of gun-boats for the defence of harbors, be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the seventh instant, the bill for fortifying the ports and harbours of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the motion of Mr. Joseph Clay, made yesterday, to add to the standing rules and orders of the House, and made

some progress therein; when an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 21, 1807.

An engrossed bill, supplementary to the act, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land, appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act supplementary to the act intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana,"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of John Borrows and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, messengers of the offices of State, Treasury, War, and Navy departments, which was

received, and read, praying an increase of the compensations allowed them by law.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of Alexander M'Donald, messenger of the Register's office of the Treasury department, which was received, and read, praying an increase of the compensation allowed him by law.

Mr. M'Creery presented to the House, a petition of the inspectors of the customs of the port of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying an increase of the compensations allowed them by law.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented to the House, a petition of Mary Fanning Hibbs, wife of John Hibbs, of Bucks county, in the state of Pennsylvania, which was received, and read, praying that she may receive the amount of bounty and prize money due to her late father Joshua Fanning, for services rendered by him during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Oliver Pollock, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of Richard Bland Lee, of the state of Virginia, referred to him by an order of the House, of the twelfth instant, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Verplanck have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion, depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, to add to the standing rules and orders of the House:

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said motion, be postponed *indefinitely*.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

And then an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning, ten o'clock.

MONDAY, February 23, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a list of invalid pensioners placed on the pension list of the respective states; in obedience to a resolution of the House of the seventeenth April, one thousand eight hundred and six, which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to punish frauds committed on the bank of the United States:" And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill in addition to the act entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act making provision for

the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, intituled "An act regulating the granting of registers in case of ships and vessels of the United States becoming the property of bank and insurance companies," to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act to continue in force for a further time, an act intituled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of St. Domingo," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; also the bill intituled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the department of War," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and the bill intituled "An act respecting seizures made under the authority of the United States, and for other purposes," without amendment: And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act regulating the granting of registers in case of ships and vessels of the United States becoming the property of bank and insurance companies," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of St. Domingo:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the department of War:"

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined the following inrolled bills, to wit:

"An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio," and

"An act to punish frauds committed on the bank of the United States," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuneman have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Thursday, and Mr. Gray from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House,

yesterday, to the bill for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States: Whereupon,

The first section of the said bill being again read in the words following, to wit:

“ Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a sum of money not exceeding *twenty thousand dollars*, in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to enable the President of the United States to cause the ports and harbors of the United States to be better fortified and protected.”

The question was stated, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in their amendment to the said section, by striking out the words “ *twenty thousand dollars*,” and in lieu thereof inserting “ *one hundred and fifty thousand dollars*,”

On which a division of the said question was called for,

And on the question, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in so much of their said amendment as proposes to strike out the words “ *twenty thousand dollars*,”

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the question was taken, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in so much of their said amendment, as proposes to insert, in lieu of the words stricken out, the words “ *one hundred and fifty thousand dollars*,”

And resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 72.} \\ \text{Nays 44.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior;

William A. Burwell,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, junior,

John Clopton,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Orchard Cook,
 Leonard Covington,
 Richard Cutts,
 Ezra Darby,
 John Davenport, junior,
 Peter Early,
 James Elliot,
 Caleb Ellis,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 John Fowler,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Silas Halscy,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 David Hough,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 John Morrow,

Gordon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Uri Tracy,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

John Archer,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 George M. Bedinger,
 Silas Betton,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Samuel W. Dana,

John Dawson,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 James Fisk,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Hamilton,
 James Holland,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 David Meriwether,

**Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Thomas W. Thompson,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Joseph Winston.**

“Insert as a new section to follow the first section,

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, to amend the said amendment by striking out the following words, "*built a number of gun-boats not exceeding thirty, for the protection of the harbors, coasts and commerce of the United States,*" and in lieu thereof inserting the words "*purchased and preserved for future use, a supply of timber and other materials suitable for building and equipping such number of gun-boats as to him may appear proper, not to exceed including those already authorized;*"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 30.
 { Nays 78.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

**Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Caleb Ellis,**

Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Silas Halsey,
 James Holland,
 David Hough,
 Walter Jones,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Jeremiah Nelson,

Timothy Pitken, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 Martin C. Schuneman,
 William Stedman,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Robert Whitehill, and
 Eliphalet Wickes.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 George M. Bedinger,
 William W. Bibb,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 John Chandler,
 Matthew Clay,
 George Clinton, junior,
 John Clopton,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Orchard Cook,
 Leonard Covington,
 Richard Cutts,
 Ezra Darby,
 Peter Early,
 James Elliot,
 John Fowler,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Hamilton,
 Seth Hastings,

William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Edward Lloyd,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 John Porter,
 John Randolph,
 Thomas M. Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,

Joseph Stanton,
Samuel Taggart,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Daniel C. Verplanck,

John Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Joseph Winston.

The question was then taken, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in their amendment, to add a new section to the said bill, as aforesaid.

And resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 68.} \\ \text{Nays 36.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, junior,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Peter Early,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,

Seth Hastings,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
John Porter,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,

Samuel Taggart,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Daniel C. Verplanck,

John Whitehill,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Thomas Wynna.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
James Holland,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Duncan Mac Farland,

David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Thomas Sandford,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams, and
Joseph Winston.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 24, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined the following inrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act intituled, "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of St. Domingo," and

"An act respecting seizures made under the authority of the United States, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly inrolled :

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill for fortifying the ports and harbours of the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making further appropriations for fortifying the ports and harbours of the United States, and for building gun-boats."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act intituled "An act supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States,'" was read the third time.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 89.
 { Nays 15.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
William W. Bibb,
Barnabas Bidwell,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Bleunt,

Robert Brown,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
George Clinton, junior,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,

Ebenezer Elmer,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 James M. Garnett,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 David Meriwether,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)

John Rea, (*Tennessee*,)
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynna.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Silas Betton,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 James Elliot,
 Caleb Ellis,
 William Ely,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Seth Hastings,

David Hough,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act in addition to the act intituled "An act supplementary to the

act, intituled "An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Mumford presented to the House, a petition of Asahel E. Paine, of the state of New York, which was received, and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress to enable him to perfect a machine invented for the purpose of blowing up ships and vessels.

The Speaker presented a petition of Abraham Husted, junior, of the district of Columbia, which was received, and read, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Barker presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Plymouth, Duxbury, and Kingston, in the state of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that piers, buoys, and beacons may be erected at the public expense, at the entrance of Plymouth harbour, in the said state.

Mr. Quincy presented to the House, a petition of Paul Revere and Joseph W. Revere, of Boston, in the state of Massachusetts, which was received and read, praying that a duty may be imposed upon copper manufactured into sheets, imported into the United States; and that all old copper may be imported free of duty.

The Speaker presented to the House, a petition of John Simmond, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received while a soldier in the army of the United States during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of William C. Williams, of Fredericksburg, in the state of Virginia, attorney in fact for Samuel Brandrum and others, assignees of Thomas Blane,

of London, assignee of Thomas Williams and Joseph Carey, of Alexandria, which was received, and read, praying that an act may be passed, authorizing and directing that a sum of money received by the government of the United States, for the proceeds of sales of the schooner Friendship and her cargo, captured in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, by three British privateers, and afterward awarded to the said Williams and Carey by the commissioners under the convention between the United States and Great Britain, may be paid over to the petitioner, for the use of his principals.

The Speaker presented to the House, certain resolutions of the legislative council and house of representatives of the Mississippi territory, which were received, and read, stating their attachment to the union, their confidence in the legislative and executive departments of government, and their determination to oppose, with their lives and fortunes, as well all internal conspiracy as foreign incroachments.

Ordered, That the said petitions and resolutions do severally lie on the table.

Mr. Blount presented to the House a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Washington, in the state of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying the establishment of a mail-boat from Shell Castle island to the town of Washington, in the said state.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed on the sixteenth instant, the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Canfield Gillet, presented to this House on the eleventh instant, and that the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, yesterday,

the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act regulating the granting of registers in case of ships and vessels of the United States becoming the property of bank and insurance companies."

Mr. Holmes presented to the House, a petition of Beniot Schweighauser, of the house of Schweighauser and Dobrée, representatives of John Daniel Schweighauser, late of Nantz, in France, by John Mason, his attorney, which was received and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of an account for services rendered and supplies furnished to the United States during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House, on the first Monday in December next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Quincy, from the committee appointed on the eighth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill disapproving of an act passed by the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, intituled "An act concerning the bank of Detroit," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed on the twentieth instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the discharge of Gilbert Drake from his imprisonment, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee to whom was referred, on the sixteenth instant, the bill sent from

the Senate, intituled "An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice in the district of Columbia," reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Bassett, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth instant, the bill supplementary to an act, intituled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the district of Columbia," made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill providing for the payment of the expense incurred by the military preparations for the defence of the territory of Michigan against hostile Indians, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and William Eaton; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill concerning invalid pensioners, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, this day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 25, 1807.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following inrolled bills, to wit:

"An act respecting seizures made under the authority of the United States; and for other purposes;"

"An act to punish frauds committed on the bank of the United States;"

"An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and certain parts of the island of St. Domingo;" and

"An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio."

An engrossed bill, providing for the payment of the expense incurred by the military preparations for the defence of the territory of Michigan, against hostile Indians, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act providing for the payment of the expense incurred by the military preparations for the defence of the territory of Michigan, against hostile Indians, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and William Eaton, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and William Eaton."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain treaties with the Cherokee and Piankeshaw tribes of Indians, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. John Randolph, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act intituled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation to clerks, and to authorize the laying out of certain public roads, and for other purposes," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was committed, on the thirteenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to prevent settlements being made on lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law," made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the twenty-third instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill intituled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the department of War," made a report thereon: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first and second, and doth disagree to the third and fourth of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes:

And on the question, that the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on

the bill making provision for the disposal of the public lands, situated between the United States' military tract, and the Connecticut reserve, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

Mr. John Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the twelfth of December last, the petition of Joseph Farley, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

"An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies, not exceeding thirty thousand men;"

"An act supplementary to the act, intituled "An act concerning the district of Columbia;"

"An act respecting seizures made under the authority of the United States, and for other purposes;" and

"An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, intituled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States, and certain parts of the Island of St. Domingo."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, intituled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the Department of War:" The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers,'" with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate agree to the amendments and modification proposed by the joint committee of conference to the amendments of this House, to the bill, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight," and desire the concurrence of this House therein: I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit:

"An act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the district courts in the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio;" and

"An act to punish frauds committed on the bank of the United States:" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to reconsider their negative vote of this day, on the question that the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole House, this day.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded farther to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table; When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 26, 1807.

An engrossed bill, making provision for the disposal of the public lands, situated between the United States' military tract and the Connecticut reserve, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands, situated between the United States' military tract and the Connecticut reserve; and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, the message of the President of the United States, transmitting a memorial of the French minister, on the subject of the claim of Amelié Eugenie de Beaumarchais, heir and representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the message of the President of the United States, transmitting a memorial of the French minister on the subject of the claim of Amelié

Eugenié de Beaumarchais, legal representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, be referred to the Secretary of State, and that he be directed to report thereon to Congress at their next session.

Mr. Broom presented to the House a petition of James Valentine, of the state of Delaware, which was received, and read, praying the adjustment and payment of his account against the United States, for services rendered during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

Mr. Parke, from the committee, to whom were referred, on the twentieth instant, the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Illinois country, and of sundry inhabitants of Randolph county, in the Indiana territory, made a report thereon, which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to divide the Indiana territory.

Mr. Parke presented to the House, a petition of the inhabitants of the Illinois and village of Pioria, in the Indiana territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying that the board of commissioners established at Kaskaskia, may be empowered to examine and decide on their claims to lands in the said territory, which they have respectively settled and improved.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of goods, wares and merchandise, exported from the United States during one-year prior to the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Bishop, Mr. John Randolph and Mr. Kenan, have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

The House proceeded to consider the third and fourth amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the Department of War;" disagreed to by the House, yesterday: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force for a further time the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers: Whereupon,

The first amendment being again twice read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit.

"Section 1, line 2, strike out after the word "assembled," to the end of the section, and insert "that from and after the first day of July next, the act entitled "An act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes," passed the eighth day of July, one thousand seven hundren and ninety-seven, shall be, and the same hereby is repealed."

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the said amendment,

And passed in the negative,

} Yeas 15.
} Nays 89.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

George Clinton, junior,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Fowler,
Isaiah L. Green,
Seth Hastings,
Patrick Magruder,

Josiah Masters,
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
Thomas Sammons,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy, and
Philip Van Cortlandt.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Frederick Conrad,
Ezra Darby,
John Dawson,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Hough,

James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
Peter Saily,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,

**Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,**

**Robert Whitehill,
Eliphalet Wickes,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.**

The second, third and fourth amendments of the Senate to the said bill being again severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Early, and seconded, that this House do adhere to the said bill as originally sent to the Senate.

And on the question thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, } Yeas 93.
} Nays 20.

The Yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 George M. Bedinger,
 Silas Betton,
 William W. Dibb,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Eurlwell,
 William Butler,
 John Campbell,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Frederick Conrad;
 Richard Cutts,
 Ezra Darby,

John Dawson,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Caleb Ellis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
John W. Eppee,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kennan,
Nehemiah Knight,

John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Edward Lloyd,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Robert Marion,
David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Roger Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
Jacob Richards,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,

Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston,

Those who voted in the negative, are

John Claiborne,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
Isaiah L. Green,
Seth Hastings,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton, junior,

Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Samuel Tepney,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Matthew Walton, and
Eliphalet Wickes.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Early, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend a conference with the Senate, on the subject matter of the ninth amendment proposed by this House, and disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight," made a report thereon.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report, together with the bill, and on the question, that the House do agree with the joint committee of conference, in the amendment and modification of the proviso to the eighth section of the bill, to read as followeth:

“Provided, however, That nothing in this section shall extend to prohibit the taking on board, or transporting on any river, or inland bay of the sea, within the jurisdiction of the United States, any negro, mulatto, or person of color, (not imported contrary to the provisions of this act,) in any vessel or species of craft whatever.”

It was resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 63.} \\ \text{Nays 49.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,	William Helms,
John Archer,	David Hough,
David Bard,	Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Barker,	John Lambert,
George M. Bedinger,	Duncan Mac Farland,
Barnabas Bidwell,	Patrick Magruder,
John Blake, junior,	John Morrow,
Robert Brown,	Jeremiah Nelson,
George W. Campbell,	Gideon Olin,
John Chandler,	Timothy Pitken, junior,
George Clinton, junior,	John Porter,
Frederick Conrad,	John Pugh,
Orchard Cook,	John Rhea, (<i>Tennessee</i>),
Leonard Covington,	Jacob Richards,
Ezra Darby,	John Russell,
John Davenport, junior,	Peter Saily,
Ebenezer Elmer,	Thomas Sammons,
William Fly,	Ebenezer Seaver,
William Findley,	James Sloan,
James Fisk,	John Smilie,
Charles Goldsborough,	Samuel Smith,
Andrew Gregg,	Henry Southard,
Isaiah L. Green,	Joseph Stanton,
Silas Halsey,	William Stedman,
John Hamilton,	Samuel Taggart,
Seth Hastings,	Benjamin Tallmadge,

David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,

Robert Whitehill,
Eliphalet Wickes,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Burwell Bassett,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Samuel W. Dana,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
David Meriwether,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
Thomas Sandford,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Abram Trigg,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn, and
Joseph Winston.

The several other amendments, reported by the joint committee of conference to the said bill, being again twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, of the eighteenth instant, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, "authorizing and directing the Secretary of the

Treasury to cause to be published the report and chart of a survey of the coast of North Carolina, made by Thomas Coles and Jonathan Price, under the act of Congress, passed at the last session, for that purpose," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate have passed a bill, intituled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate adhere to their amendments to the bill, intituled "An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force for a further time the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers:'" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the resolution of this House, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, "to publish the report and chart of the survey of the coast of North Carolina."

Whereupon,

The said amendments being again twice read, at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House,

on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, and for other purposes, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to amend the act, intituled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out of certain public roads, and for other purposes;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 27, 1807.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, intituled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out of certain public roads, and for other purposes," was read the third time,

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, intituled 'An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out of certain public roads, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. John Randolph, and seconded,

Ordered, That leave be given to prepare and bring in a bill to amend and explain the act, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight;" and that Mr. John Randolph, Mr. Marion and Mr. Lloyd, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of Adam Kohlenburg, of Frederick county in the state of Maryland, which was received, and read, praying that an additional duty may be laid upon foreign manufactured glass, imported into the United States.

Mr. Roger Nelson presented to the House, a petition of Elias De Butts, James Hunter and Bernard Mulligan, which was received, and read, praying compensation for their damages sustained by the unjust seizure and detention of a vessel and cargo, the property of the petitioners, libelled in the district court of Maryland, and afterwards restored and delivered up to them, there appearing no evidence to justify the seizure aforesaid.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented to the House, a petition of H. Cadbury, of the state of Ohio, which was received, and read, praying relief in consideration of losses and damages sustained in the sale of a quantity of flour, by the shutting up of the port of New-Orleans, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, and that certain lands purchased by him of the United States, may be divided into quarter sections.

Mr. Jeremiah Nelson presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Ipswich,

Ordered, That the said petitions do severally lie on the table.

Resolved, That William Love have leave to withdraw his petition and the papers accompanying the same.

On motion,

And on the question, that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

It was resolved in the affirmative, } Yeas 60.
} Nays 49.

The Yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

**Martin Chittenden,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
William . ly,
William Findley,
James Fisk,**

Charles Goldsborough,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 David Hough,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Josiah Masters,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Munford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,

Josiah Quincy,
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes, and
 Marmaduke Williams.

The who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
 Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 John Campbell,
 John Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Leonard Corington,
 John Dawson,
 Elias Earle,
 Peter Early,
 John W. Eppes,
 John Fowler,
 James M. Garnett,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 Thomas Moore,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 John Randolph,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Phillip R. Thompson,
 Matthew Walton,
 David R. Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the farther consideration of the petition of William Brawner, presented to this House, on the thirtieth of March; one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; of Reuben Colborn, presented on the third January, one thousand eight hundred; of James Campbell, presented the eleventh instant; of Peter Dupuy, presented the ninth of December last; of John Keemle, presented the twenty-first ultimo; of Caspar Reeser, presented the fifth of December last; and of William Smith, presented the fifteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and five; and that the said petitions be severally referred to the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the sixth ultimo, the report of the committee appointed "to inquire whether any, and if any, what description of claims against the United States are barred by the statutes of limitation, which in reason and justice ought to be provided for by law."

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House, yesterday, to the bill making appropriations for the support of government during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, and agreed to some, and disagreed to others of the said amendments.

The said bill was farther amended at the Clerk's table, and together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of Oliver Pollock; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendments disagreed to by this House to the resolution of the eighteenth instant, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, "to publish the report and chart of the survey of the coast of North Carolina:" The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the Capitol, and for other purposes," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the farther consideration of the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act in addition to the act, intituled 'An act supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States:'" And then he withdrew.

That leave be given to bring in a bill repealing the law laying an additional duty of eight cents per bushel on salt, from and after the first day of July next, and all other duties on salt, from and after the first day of January next, and to continue the Mediterranean fund until the first day of January next.

Mr. Speaker decided, that the said motion was not in order, it being required by the rules of the House, "that in cases of a general nature, one day's notice at least shall be given of the motion to bring in a bill."

An appeal was made to the House by two members.

The question being stated, to wit: "Is the decision of the chair in order?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, } Yeas 91.
 } Nays 9.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Hough,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Matthew Walton,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
Eliphalet Wickes,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams.

Nathan Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,

Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynna.

Those who voted in the negative, are

David Bard,
William A. Burwell,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Corvington,
John Dawson,

John W. Eppes,
Patrick Magruder,
James Sloan, and
Samuel Smith,

Mr. Alston thereupon withdrew his motion.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the duty on salt, and to continue in force the mediterranean fund for a limited time.

On which motion, debate arising,

A division of the said question was called for.

Whereupon,

The first member thereof being again read in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the duty on salt."

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the said first member of the motion,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 60.
Nays 40.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,

Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,

John Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Covington,
 Ezra Darby,
 John Dawson,
 James Elliot,
 Caleb Ellis,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 David Hough,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Patrick Magruder,
 William McCreery,

Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania,*)
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee,*)
 Jacob Richards,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn, and
 Joseph Winston.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
 John Archer,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 William Butler,
 John Campbell,
 Peter Early,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,

Jeremiah Nelson,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Abram Trigg,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Eliphalet Wickers, and
 David R. Williams.

The second member of the said motion being again read in the words following, to wit:

"And to continue in force the Mediterranean fund for a limited time."

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the said second and last member of the motion,

And resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 46.} \\ \text{Nays 43.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
George M. Bedinger,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
William A. Burwell,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
Ezra Darby,
Caleb Ellis,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Hough,

Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Pugh,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
Jacob Richards,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,

Thomas Blount,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,

Peter Early,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,

Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 David R. Williams, and
 Joseph Winston.

And then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said motion, in the words following, to wit:

“Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the duty on salt, and to continue in force the Mediterranean fund for a limited time.”

It was resolved in the affirmative, } Yeas 44.
 } Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
 David Bard,
 George M. Bedinger,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 John Blake, junior,
 William A. Burwell,
 John Chandler,
 John Claiborne,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Covington,

Caleb Ellis
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,

David Hough,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 William M'Creeery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
 Jacob Richards,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Scaver,

James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 David Thomas,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Joseph Winston, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
 John Archer,
 Silas Betton,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 William Butler,
 John Campbell,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Seth Hastings,
 Walter Jones,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Robert Marion,

Josiah Masters,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton, junior,
 Timothy Pitken, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 David R. Williams.

At half an hour after seven o'clock, P. M.

A motion was made and seconded, that there be an immediate call of the House,

And resolved in the affirmative: Whereupon,

The Clerk proceeded to call over the names of the members,

And sixty-eight members (including the Speaker,) appeared in their places.

The absentees being then again called over and noted, it appeared that seventy-three members were absent;

Seven of whom have obtained leave;

Three have not appeared in their seats during the session, and

Sixty-three failed to be present at the call, to wit:

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
Phanuel Bishop,
James M. Broom,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Elias Earle,
Peter Early,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,

Matthew Lyon,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Patrick Magruder,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Randolph,
Thomas M. Randolph,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
O'Brien Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Matthew Walton,
Eliphalet Wickes,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Richard Winn.

Sixty-three absentees.

An adjournment was then called for.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 28, 1807.

On a motion made and seconded, that such of the members who were absentees, and whose names are noted as not being present at the call of the House, yesterday, be severally excused, and admitted to their seats;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined the following inrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight;"

"An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, for returning surveys thereon to the office of the secretary of the department of war, and appropriating lands for the use of schools in the Virginia military reservation, in lieu of those heretofore appropriated," and an inrolled resolve, "to publish the report and chart of the survey of the coast of North Carolina," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and five, made in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the thirtieth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a statement of the emoluments of the officers employed in the collection of the customs, for the year one

thousand eight hundred and six; also, a letter from the Comptroller to the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation thereto, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the public debt, on the first days of January, one thousand eight hundred and one, one thousand eight hundred and two, one thousand eight hundred and three, one thousand eight hundred and four, one thousand eight hundred and five, one thousand eight hundred and six, and one thousand eight hundred and seven, respectively; together with several explanatory statements and notes: prepared in obedience to a resolution of the House, of the eighth ultimo, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from James Jay, addressed to the Speaker, on the subject of his memorial, presented to this House, during the present session, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Fisk, Mr. Alston and Mr. Claiborne, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the resolution of this House, agreed to yesterday, to prepare and bring in a bill repealing the duty on salt, and to continue in force the Mediterranean fund, for a limited time.

An engrossed bill, making appropriations for the support of government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act making appropriations for the support of government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Oliver Pollock, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "Act for the relief of Oliver Pollock."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making compensation to Messieurs Lewis and Clarke, and their companions; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: Whereupon,

The first amendment reported from the committee of the whole House, being again read, in the words following, to wit:

Sec. 1, line 4. After the words "*William Clarke,*" insert "*William Eaton, Priestly Nevill O'Bannon, and George Washington Mann.*"

The question was taken, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House in the said amendment.

And passed in the negative, } Yeas 47.
 } Nays 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

'Those who voted in the affirmative, are

**Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
Phanuel Bishop,
Martin Chittenden,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
John Fowler.**

**Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
David Hough,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Henry W. Livingston,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Josiah Masters,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson.**

Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Eliphalet Wickes, and
Nathan Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
Leonard Covington,
Ezra Darby,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
John Lambert,

Edward Lloyd,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Matthew Walton,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn, and
Thomas Wynns.

The other amendments reported from the committee of the whole House to the said bill, were then

again severally twice read, and on the question thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act for the relief of Stephen Sayre," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House : also the bill, intituled "An act providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House ; and the bill, intituled "An act for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House : The Senate have passed a bill, intituled "An act providing for the appointment of commissioners to ascertain the practicability of removing the obstructions in the navigation of the Ohio, at the rapids," to which they desire the concurrence of this House : And then he withdrew.

Mr. Fisk, from the committee appointed this day, presented, according to order, a bill repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing patents to issue for lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution

warrants; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tenney reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill disapproving of an act, passed by the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, intitled "An act concerning the bank of Detroit;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill concerning invalid pensioners; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gregg reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The House then proceeded further to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table, and made some progress therein, when,

On a motion made and seconded, that the House adjourn until 7 o'clock, P. M.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Eodem die, 7 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

An engrossed bill making compensation to Messrs. Lewis and Clarke, and their companions, was read the third time.

And on the question, that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 62.
Nays 23.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
William W. Bibb,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
Leonard Covington,
Peter Early,
James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
James Kelly,
Thomas L. Lanan,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sandford,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Silas Betton,	Josiah Quincy,
John Campbell,	John Russell,
Martin Chittenden,	Thomas Sammons,
Frederick Conrad,	Martin G. Schuneman,
Ezra Darby,	Joseph Stanton,
William Ely,	William Stedman,
David Hough,	Samuel Taggart,
Duncan Mac Farland,	Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jonathan O. Mosely,	Thomas W. Thompson,
Jeremiah Nelson,	Joseph B. Varnum, and
Gideon Olin,	Eliphalet Wickes.
Timothy Pitken, junior,	

Resolved, That the title be, " An act making compensation to Messrs. Letwis and Clarke, and their companions."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the House do now adjourn,

It passed in the negative, } Yeas 20.
 } Nays 72.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Silas Betton,	Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Campbell,	John Randolph,
Samuel W. Dana,	Thomas Sandford,
James M. Garnett,	Richard Stanford,
Isaiah L. Green,	William Stedman,
Joseph Lewis, junior,	Benjamin Tallmadge,
Edward Lloyd,	Philip R. Thompson,
Jonathan O. Mosely,	Thomas W. Thompson,
Jeremiah Nelson,	Killian K. Van Rensselaer, and
Roger Nelson,	David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,	George M. Bedinger,
Willis Alston, jun.	William W. Bibb,
Isaac Anderson,	Barnabas Bidwell,
David Hard,	John Blake, jun.
Joseph Barker,	Thomas Blount,
Burwell Bassett,	Robert Brown,

William A. Burwell,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Claiborne,
 George Clinton, junior,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Corington,
 Richard Cutts,
 Ezra Darby,
 Peter Early,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Silas Halsey,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 David Hough,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,

Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 Samuel Taggart,
 David Thomas,
 Uri Tracy,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson, and
 Thomas Wynns.

An engrossed bill disapproving of an act passed by the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, intituled "An act concerning the bank of Detroit," was read the third time.

Resolved, *unanimously*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act disapproving of an act passed by the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, intituled 'An act concerning the bank of Detroit.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing patents to issue for lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution warrants, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act authorizing patents to issue for lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution warrants."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled " An act respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House : And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do *now* resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled " An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers."

It was resolved in the affirmative, } Yeas 58.
 } Nays 41.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Willis Alston, jun.
 Isaac Anderson,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bussett,
 George M. Bedinger,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Chandler,
 John Claiborne,
 Frederick Conrad,

Leonard Covington,
 Richard Cutts,
 Ezra Darby,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,

David Holmes,
 David Hough,
 John Lambert,
 William McCreery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 Martin G. Schuneman,

Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 David Thomas,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
 Silas Betton,
 William W. Bibb,
 John Campbell,
 Martin Chittenden,
 George Clinton, junior,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Peter Early,
 William Ely,
 James M. Garnett,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Seth Hastings,
 James Kelly,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Henry W. Livingston,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Duncan Mac Farland,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,

Jeremiah Nelson,
 Roger Nelson,
 Timothy Pitken, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams, and
 Nathan Williams.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again read, and is as followeth :

"Section 1, line 7, strike out the words *first day of January*, and in lieu thereof, insert *thirtieth day of September*."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for, and on the question, to strike out the words *first day of January*,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. John Randolph, and seconded, to amend so much of the said amendment as proposes to insert the words *thirtieth day of September*, by inserting in lieu thereof the words *thirty-first day of March*.

Mr. Speaker declared the said motion to amend, not to be in order.

From which decision of the chair, an appeal was made to the House by two members.

And on the question, "Is the decision of the chair in order?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas 71.} \\ \text{Nays 10.} \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
George Clinton, junior,
Frederick Conrad,

Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
James Elliot,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
David Hough,

Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Martin C. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,

James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Uri Tracy,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Eliphalet Wickes,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson, and
 Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Burwell Bassett,
 George M. Bedinger,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,

James M. Garnett,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Randolph,
 Thomas Sandford, and
 Philip R. Thompson.

The question was then taken, that the House do agree with the committee of the whole House, in so much of their said amendment as proposes to insert, in lieu of the words stricken out, the words *thirtieth day of September*,

And resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. John Randolph, and seconded, further to amend the said first section of the bill by striking out in the second line thereof, the words "*thirtieth day of June*," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "*thirty-first day of March*."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for, and on the question to strike out the words "*thirtieth day of June*,"

It passed in the negative,

{ Yeas 20.
 { Nays 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Isaac Anderson,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
Martin Chittenden,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Edward Lloyd,

Robert Marion,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sandford,
Dennis Smelt,
Richard Stanford,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson, and
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
George Clinton, junior,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
John W. Eppea,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
David Kough,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creeery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sammons,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy,

Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
Eliphalet Wickes,

Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Thomas Wynns.

Another motion was made by Mr. John Randolph, and seconded, further to amend the said bill by striking out the last section thereof, in the words following, to wit:

"Section 3. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act passed on the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers, as is contained in the first section of the said act, be, and the same hereby is continued in force until the *first day of January next*, and no longer: *Provided however*, That the additional duty laid by the said section, shall be collected on all such goods, wares, and merchandise liable to pay the same, as shall have been imported previous to that day."

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative,	} Yeas 23.
	} Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Silas Betton,
William W. Bibb,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Isaiah L. Green,
David Hough,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Gurdor S. Mumford,

Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Randolph,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Thomas Sandford,
Richard Stanford,
Philip R. Thompson,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Eliphalet Wickes,
David R. Williams, and
Nathan Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
John Claiborne,
George Clinton, junior,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,

James Holland,
David Holmes,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gideon Olin,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*,)
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*,)
Jacob Richards,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
David Thomas,
Uri Tracy,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Thomas Wynns.

Another motion was made by Mr. John Randolph, and seconded, to amend the said last section of the bill by striking out therefrom the words "*first day of January*," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "*thirtieth day of September*."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for ; and on the question to strike out the words "*first day of January*,"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 24.
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Silas Betton,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Claiborne,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 James M. Garnett,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 David Hough,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sammons,
 Thomas Sandford,
 Richard Stanford,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Eliphalet Wickes, and
 David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Isaac Anderson,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 George M. Bedinger,
 William W. Bibb,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Chandler,
 George Clinton, junior,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Corington,
 Richard Cutts,
 Ezra Darby,
 Elias Earle,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Silas Halsey,
 John Hamilton,

James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 John Lambert,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gideon Olin,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
 Jacob Richards,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Joseph Stanton,
 David Thomas,
 Uri Tracy,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 John Whitehill,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Williams,
 Alexander Wilson, and
 Thomas Wynne.

Another motion was then made by Mr. John Randolph, and seconded, further to amend the said bill by striking out in the second section thereof, the words "*first day of January,*" and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "*thirtieth day of September,*"

And passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, immediately.

The said bill was accordingly brought up engrossed, and read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, ten o'clock.

MONDAY, March 2d, 1807.

Ordered, That Mr. Knight and Mr. David R. Williams, have leave to be absent from the service of this House from to-day, for the remainder of the session.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act for the relief of John Chester;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," and in addition to the same, be postponed *indefinitely*.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill at the Clerk's table, concerning invalid pensioners:

Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto a new section, in the words following, to wit:

“Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary at War be, and hereby is authorized to place on the pension list of the United States, the persons named on the lists of the several states, obtained by him, pursuant to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the seventeenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, at such rate, per month, as has been allowed them by the states respectively, provided it shall not exceed the allowance made by the United States to other pensioners of the same rank.”

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Ycas 46.
Nays 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
Thomas Blount,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Leonard Covington,
Ezra Darby,
Elias Earle,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John W. Eppes,
John Fowler,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Duncan Mac Farland,
Patrick Magruder,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
John Porter,
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton,
Philip R. Thompson,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson, and
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are

John Archer,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
George Clinton, junior,
Frederick Conrad,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Charles Goldsborough,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
Seth Hastings,

William Helms,
David Hough,
John Lambert,
Henry W. Livingston,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Ebenezer Scaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,

Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Philip Van Cortlandt,

Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
Eliphalet Wickes, and
Nathan Williams.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time, *this day*.

The House proceeded to consider the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to prevent settlements being made on lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law," together with a report of the Committee on the Public Lands thereon; and the amendments reported by the said committee being again severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely*.

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative,	}	Yeas 43.
		Nays 68.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Joseph Barker,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,

James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
David Hough,
James Kelly,
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,

Duncan Mac Farland,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,

William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Eliphalet Wickes, and
Nathan Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Frederick Conrad,
Leonard Covington,
John Dawson,
Elias Earle,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Andrew Gregg,
Isaiah L. Green,
Silas Halsey,
John Hamilton,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
John Rhea, (*Tennessee*),
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Philip R. Thompson,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,

Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn;

Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynna.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, to amend the said bill, by striking out in the first section, the words following, to wit: "*such offender or offenders shall forfeit all his or their right, title and claim, if any be hath, or they have, of what-soever nature or kind the same shall or may be, to the lands aforesaid, which he or they shall have taken possession of or settled, or caused to be occupied, taken possession of or settled, or which he or they shall have surveyed, or attempted to survey, or caused to be surveyed, or the boundaries thereof be or they shall have designated, or caused to be designated, by marking trees or otherwise.*"

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, } Yeas 35.
 } Nays 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Joseph Barker,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
Charles Goldsborough,
Silas Halsey,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,

James Holland,
James Kelly,
Nehemiah Knight,
Matthew Lyon,
Timothy Pitken, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Eliphalet Wickes, and
Nathan Williams.

**Evan Alexander,
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
Elias Earle,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Hamilton,
David Holmes,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
Patrick Magruder,**

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Philip R. Thompson,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

"Provided also, That nothing in this act shall prevent any person claiming title to any such lands under or by virtue of an act or grant of any state, from peaceably entering thereon, for the purpose of being enabled thereby to bring to a judicial decision at law, or in equity, the validity of the title so claimed."

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 30.
 { Nays 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Joseph Barker,
 Silas Betton,
 Barnabas Bidwell,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Davenport, junior,
 James Elliot,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 John Fowler,
 Isaiah L. Green,

Seth Hastings,
 James Holland,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 Jeremiah Nelson,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 Martin G. Schuneman,
 Joseph Stanton,
 William Stedman,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas W. Thompson,
 Eliphalet Wickes, and
 Nathan Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Isaac Anderson,
 John Archer,
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 George M. Bedinger,
 William W. Bibb,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 George Clinton, junior,
 John Clopton,
 Frederick Conrad,
 Leonard Covington,
 Ezra Darby,
 John Dawson,
 Elias Earle,
 John W. Eppes,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Pegerson Goodwyn,

John Hamilton,
 David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Patrick Magruder,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creeery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Roger Nelson,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
 Jacob Richards,
 Peter Saily,
 Thomas Sandford,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Hepry Southard,

Richard Stanford,
Philip R. Thompson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,

David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynna.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lattimore, and seconded, to amend the said bill, by adding a new section, in the words following, to wit:

"Section 5. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to apply to any person or persons, or the legal representatives of any person or persons, who were resident in the Mississippi territory, on the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and who had prior to that day obtained, either from the British government of West Florida, or from the Spanish government, any warrant or order of survey, for lands lying in the said territory; nor to any other person or persons, or their legal representatives, who may have settled prior to the fifth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, on a tract of land in said territory, consistently with the provisions of the second section of the act, passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, regulating the grants of land south of the state of Tennessee: *Provided*, That persons claiming as above, shall file their claims with the register of the proper land office, before the first day of January next."

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 57.
Nays 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Isaac Anderson,
John Archer,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
George M. Bedinger,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Dawson,
Flias Earle,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Andrew Gregg,
John Hamilton,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
Patrick Magruder,
Robert Marion,

Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, (*Pennsylvania*),
Jacob Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
Thomas Sandford,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John Whitehill,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Joseph Winston, and
Thomas Wynns.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Joseph Barker,
Silas Betton,
Barnabas Bidwell,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior.

James Elliot,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Fowler,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,

James Holland,
David Hough,
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Jeremiah Nelson,
Gideon Olin,
Timothy Pitken, junior,
Josiah Quincy,

John Russell,
Peter Saily,
Martin G. Schuneman,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton,
William Stedman,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas W. Thompson,
Eliphalet Wickes, and
Nathan Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined an inrolled bill, intituled "An act for the relief of John Chester," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act concerning invalid pensioners."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following inrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants; for returning surveys thereon to the office of the secretary of the department of war; and appropriating lands for the use of schools in the Virginia military reservation, in lieu of those heretofore appropriated;".

"An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight;" and an inrolled resolve, "to publish the report and chart of the survey of the coast of North Carolina."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain treaties with the Cherokee and Piankeshaw tribes of Indians; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, *this day*.

And then the House adjourned until half past six o'clock, P. M.

Eodem die, half past 6 o'clock.

Mr. Quincy presented to the House, a petition of Thomas Leach, and Levi and Abraham Tower, of the state of Massachusetts, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be allowed the bounty on a quantity of fish, salted and exported by the petitioners.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the select committee, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth of December last, the petition of William Lewis and Hugh Maxwell, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

On motion,

Ordered, That the select committee, to whom was referred, on the tenth ultimo, a message of the President of the United States, of the thirty-first of January

last, transmitting a report of the commissioners appointed under the act, passed the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, intitled "An act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain treaties with the Cherokee and Piankeshaw tribes of Indians, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain treaties with the Cherokee and Piankeshaw tribes of Indians."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making appropriations for carrying into effect a treaty between the United States and Chickasaw tribe of Indians; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

The said bill was accordingly brought up, engrossed, and read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect a treaty between the United States, and Chickasaw tribe of Indians."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States :". Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana :". Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the capitol, and for other purposes :".

Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the twelfth ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act regulating the grants of land in the territory of Michigan," be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

Ordered, That the said bill be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative:

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act confirming claims to land in the district of Vincennes," and made several amendments thereto, at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time, to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the third ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to explain the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to divide the territory of the United States, north west of the river Ohio, into two separate governments,'" be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time, to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act regulating the granting of registers in case of ships and vessels of the United States, becoming the property of bank and insurance companies," be postponed, *indefinitely*.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, intituled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the office of the Secretary of the department of War; and appropriating lands for the use of schools in the Virginia military reservation, in lieu of those heretofore appropriated;" and an inrolled resolve, "to publish the report and chart of the survey of the coast of North Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act in addition to the act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States," be postponed, *indefinitely*.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the farther consideration of the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act to amend the act, intituled 'An act to regulate and fix the compensation to clerks, and to authorize the laying out of certain public roads; and for other purposes:'" I am directed to inform this House, that the Vice-President of the United States, having obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the constitution provides, and the honorable Samuel Smith, of Maryland, hath been duly elected : I am also directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, intituled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight : " And then he withdrew.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying, for the reasons therein stated, a revision and amendment of the several acts to establish the judicial courts of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed, until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, March 3, 1807.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act confirming claims to land in the district of Vincennes," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, were read the third time.

And on the question that the said bill, with the amendments, do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third of January last, the petition of Mary Webb, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second of January last, the petition of the president and trustees of the Alexandria academy, in the district of Columbia, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented to the House, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the state of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received, and read, praying an amendment of the second section of the third article of the constitution of the United States, which extends the judicial power of the United States, *to controversies between citizens of different states, between citizens of the same state claiming lands under grants of different states, and between a state or the citizens thereof and foreign states, citizens or subjects.*

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Cutts, be appointed of the joint committee for inrolled bills, in the place of Mr. Thomas M. Randolph, who is absent.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to explain

the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to divide the territory of the United States, north west of the river Ohio, into two separate governments," be postponed, *indefinitely*.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill in addition to an act, intituled "An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes ;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first and second, and doth disagree to the third and fourth of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act for the relief of Stephen Sayre:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," be postponed *indefinitely*.

The House proceeded to consider the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice, in the district of Columbia," and made an amendment thereto:

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Garnett have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill in addition to an act, intituled "An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes,'" was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act in addition to an act intituled 'An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, on the thirteenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act to regu-

late the summoning of grand jurors," be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

And on the question that the said bill be read the third time, this day,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act providing for the appointment of commissioners to ascertain the practicability of removing the obstructions in the navigation of the Ohio at the rapids," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, this day.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

And on the question, that the committee of the whole House, have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, intituled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States,'" be postponed indefinitely.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing the discharge of Gilbert Drake from his imprisonment; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with sundry statements marked A, B, C and D: prepared in obedience to the act, intituled "An act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" also, a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, to the said Secretary, in relation thereto, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the bill, to alter and establish certain post-roads, and for other purposes, be postponed *indefinitely*.

On motion of Mr. Varnum, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to establish a post-road from New-Orleans to the Balize, and from New-Orleans to Rapide; and to authorize the President of the United States, to open a road from the thirty-first degree of north latitude to New-Orleans, on the route from Athens to New-Orleans.

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Varnum, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. George W. Campbell.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making compensation for extra services to the governor, judges and secretary of the Indiana territory; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee appointed this day, presented, according to order, a bill to establish certain post-roads, and for other purposes, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, this day.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time, this day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, sent from this House, intituled "An act making further appropriations for fortifying the ports and harbours of the United States, and for building gun-boats," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; the bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; the bill, intituled "An act for the relief of Oliver Pollock," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and the bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain treaties with the Cherokee and Piankeshaw tribes of Indians," without amendment: And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate, to the bill intituled "An act for the relief of Oliver Pollock," and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was on the question thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, intituled "An act making further appropriations for fortifying the ports and harbours of the United States; and for building

gun-boats;" and the same being again twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven," and the same being again twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill authorizing the discharge of Gilbert Drake from his imprisonment, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act authorizing the discharge of Gilbert Drake from his imprisonment."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of Isaac Briggs; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move the House for leave to sit again.

On the question, that the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, sent from this House, intituled "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands situated between the United States military tract and the Connecticut reserve, and for other purposes;" the bill, intituled "An

act making compensation to Messieurs Lewis and Clarke, and their companions;" the bill, intituled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and William Eaton;" and the bill, intituled "An act disapproving of an act passed by the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, intituled "An act concerning the bank of Detroit," without amendment: The Senate have also passed the bill, sent from this House, intituled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect a treaty between the United States, and Chickasaw tribe of Indians;" with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: The Senate have considered the bill, sent from this House, intituled "An act providing for the payment of the expense incurred by the military preparations, for the defence of the territory of Michigan, against hostile Indians, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six," and have resolved that the said bill do not pass: The Senate have postponed the farther consideration of the bill, sent from this House, intituled "An act supplementary to the act, intituled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia:'" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, intituled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect a treaty between the United States and Chickasaw tribe of Indians," and the same being again twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

An engrossed bill to establish certain post roads, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to establish certain post roads, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then, on a motion made, and seconded,

The House adjourned until half past six o'clock,
P. M.

Eodem die, half past 6 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Ordered, That William Eaton have leave to withdraw the letter addressed by him to the Speaker, on the twenty-third of January last, together with the documents accompanying the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes;" also, the bill, intituled "An act concerning invalid pensioners;" and the bill, intituled "An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the bill for the relief of Edward Weld, and Samuel Beebee, be postponed *indefinitely*.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers," and the same being again twice read at the Clerk's table, was on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

An engrossed bill making compensation for extra services to the governor, judges and secretary of the Indiana territory, was read the third time.

Rosolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making compensation for extra services to the governor, judges and secretary of the Indiana territory."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Conrad, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed, within one month after the close of the present session of Congress, to advertise three weeks successively, in two newspapers, printed in the district of Columbia, that he is ready to receive separate proposals for supplying the House of Representatives, for the next Congress, with the necessary stationery, printing and wood for fuel, in manner prescribed by two resolutions, passed by the House of Representatives, the first on the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, and the other on the twenty-first of April, one thousand eight hundred and six.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled "An act authorizing the discharge of Gilbert Drake from his imprisonment;" the bill, intituled "An act making compensation for extra services to the governor, judges and secretary of the Indiana territory;" the bill, intituled "An act authorizing patents to issue for lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution warrants;" and the bill, intituled "An act to establish certain post-roads; and for other purposes:" The Senate insist upon the amendments proposed by them to the bill, intituled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein:" The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, intituled "An act confirming claims to land in the district of Vincennes;" and also, to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, intituled "An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice in the district of Columbia:" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the judges of

the Mississippi territory, and extending the right of suffrage therein." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the third and fourth amendments insisted on by the Senate, to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That Charles Minifie have leave to withdraw his petition, presented to this House, on the twenty-second of December last, and the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined the following inrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to prevent settlements being made on lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law ;"

"An act authorizing the employment of the land and naval forces of the United States, in cases of insurrections ;"

"An act making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the capitol; and for other purposes ;"

"An act respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana ;"

"An act for the relief of Stephen Sayre ;"

"An act for the relief of Oliver Pollock ;"

"An act for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter ;"

"An act authorizing the discharge of Gilbert Drake from his imprisonment ;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven ;"

"An act making compensation to Messrs. Lewis and Clarke, and their companions ;"

"An act regulating the grants of land in the territory of Michigan ;"

"An act disapproving of an act passed by the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, intituled 'An act concerning the bank of Detroit.'"

"An act making appropriations for carrying into effect a treaty between the United States, and the Chickasaw tribe of Indians; and to establish a land office in the Mississippi territory;"

"An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain treaties with the Cherokee and Piankeshaw tribes of Indians;"

"An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and William Eaton;"

"An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands, situate between the United States military tract and the Connecticut reserve; and for other purposes;"

"An act making further appropriations for fortifying the ports and harbours of the United States;"

"An act concerning invalid pensioners;"

"An act confirming claims to land in the district of Vincennes; and for other purposes;"

"An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice in the district of Columbia;"

"An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers;"

"An act to alter and establish certain post-roads; and for other purposes;"

"An act making compensation for extra services to the governor, judges, and secretary of the Indiana territory;"

"An act authorizing patents to issue for lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution warrants;"

"An act allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi, Indiana, Michigan, and Louisiana territories;"

“ An act in addition to an act, intituled ‘ An act in addition to an act, intituled ‘ An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment ; and for other purposes ;” and had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That Ann B. West have leave to withdraw her petition and papers, presented to this House on the fourteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and five.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands, be discharged from the farther consideration of the several petitions of Lewis Bond, presented to this House on the tenth ultimo ; of Samuel Dick, William Bruce, and Asa Kitchel, presented on the fifth ultimo ; of Moses Hall, presented on the thirty-first of January last ; of Thomas Hair, presented on the ninth ultimo ; and of sundry inhabitants of the state of Ohio, presented on the twenty-second of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, and on the twelfth ultimo.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

Ordered, That Constant Tabor and Audley Clarke, have leave to withdraw their petition, presented to this House, on the twenty-seventh of January last.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Varnum, Mr. Alston, and Mr. Gregg, be appointed a committee, on the part of this House, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Porter, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, pre-

sent to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following inrolled bills, to wit:

“An act for the relief of John Chester;”

“An act to prevent settlements being made on lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law;”

“An act authorizing the employment of the land and naval forces of the United States, in cases of insurrections;”

“An act making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the capitol; and for other purposes;”

“An act respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana;”

“An act for the relief of Stephen Sayre;”

“An act for the relief of Oliver Pollock;”

“An act for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter;”

“An act authorizing the discharge of Gilbert Drake, from his imprisonment;”

“An act regulating the grants of land in the territory of Michigan;”

“An act making appropriations for the support of government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven;”

“An act making compensation to Messrs. Lewis and Clarke, and their companions;”

“An act disapproving of an act passed by the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, intitled “Act concerning the bank of Detroit;”

“An act making appropriations for carrying into effect a treaty between the United States, and the Chickasaw tribe of Indians; and to establish a land office in the Mississippi territory;”

“An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain treaties with the Cherokee and Piankeshaw tribes of Indians;”

“An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and William Eaton;”

“An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands, situate between the United States military tract and the Connecticut reserve; and for other purposes;”

“ An act making further appropriations for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States;”

“ An act concerning invalid pensioners;”

“ An act confirming claims to land in the district of Vincennes; and for other purposes;”

“ An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice in the district of Columbia;”

“ An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled “ An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers;”

“ An act establishing certain post roads; and for other purposes;”

“ An act making compensation, for extra services, to the governor, judges and secretary of the Indiana territory;”

“ An act authorizing patents to issue for lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution warrants;”

“ An act allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi, Indiana, Michigan and Louisiana territories;” and

“ An act in addition to an act, intituled ‘ An act in addition to an act, intituled ‘ An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to pay out of the contingent fund, to Thomas Claxton, junior, one hundred dollars, for his services during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Varnum, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to pay out of the contingent fund, to John Philips, Elextius Spalding, and Richard Steward, the sum of fifty dollars each, for their extra services during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Gregg, and seconded,

That the thanks of this House be presented to NATHANIEL MACON, in testimony of their approbation of his conduct in the discharge of the arduous and important duties assigned to him, whilst in the chair.

It was *resolved, unanimously*: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker made his acknowledgments to the House, in manner following:

"Gentlemen,

"It has been my constant endeavor to perform faithfully the promise made to you two years ago, to discharge the trust reposed in me with industry and fidelity. For the resolution which you have this minute passed, I earnestly beg of you to accept my sincere thanks; permit me also, to assure you, that it will be always remembered with gratitude. I wish you safe home, and a happy meeting with your friends."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress: I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit:

"An act for the relief of John Chester;"

"An act to prevent settlements being made on lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law;"

"An act regulating the grants of land in the territory of Michigan;"

"An act confirming claims to land in the district of Vincennes; and for other purposes;" and

"An act to reduce the expenses attending the administration of justice in the district of Columbia:" And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his secretary, notifying

that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

“An act authorizing the employment of the land and naval forces of the United States, in cases of insurrections;”

“An act making appropriations for finishing the south wing of the capitol; and for other purposes;”

“An act respecting claims to land in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana?”

“An act for the relief of Stephen Sayre;”

“An act for the relief of Oliver Pollock;”

“An act for the relief of Daniel S. Dexter;”

“An act authorizing the discharge of Gilbert Drake from his imprisonment;”

“An act making appropriations for the support of government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven;”

“An act making compensation to Messrs. Lewis and Clarke, and their companions;”

“An act disapproving of an act passed by the governor and judges of the territory of Michigan, intituled ‘An act concerning the bank of Detroit;’”

“An act making appropriations for carrying into effect a treaty between the United States, and the Chickasaw tribe of Indians; and to establish a land office in the Mississippi territory;”

“An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain treaties with the Cherokee and Piankeshaw tribes of Indians;”

“An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and William Eaton;”

“An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands, situate between the United States military tract and the Connecticut reserve; and for other purposes;”

“An act making further appropriations for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States;”

“An act concerning invalid pensioners;”

“An act repealing the acts laying duties on salt, and continuing in force, for a further time, the first

section of the act, intituled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers;'

"An act to establish certain post roads; and for other purposes;"

"An act making compensation, for extra services, to the governor, judges and secretary of the Indiana territory;"

"An act authorizing patents to issue for lands located and surveyed by virtue of certain Virginia resolution warrants;"

"An act allowing an additional compensation to the judges of the Mississippi, Indiana, Michigan and Louisiana territories;" and

"An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment; and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress, reported, that the committee had, according to order, performed that service; and that the President signified to them, he had no farther communication to make during the present session.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them, that this House having completed the business before them, are now about to adjourn, without day; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk, accordingly, went with the said message; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, *sine die*.

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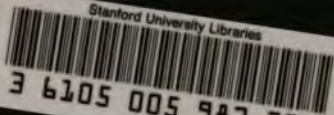
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